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Dear Editor,

We are grateful for the opportunity to further improve our manuscript in light of the associate editor’s comments and submit it for your further evaluation. Below we address the comments point-by-point.

Sincerely,

Iddo Ben-Dov, MD, PhD

Associate Editor Comments (Roberto Minutolo):

The Bland-Altman plots must be reported without regression line. This method has been developed, in fact, to avoid incorrectness of linear correlation/regression analysis.

Done, as suggested.

Furthermore, Authors must report in the text not only the discrepancy between ambulatory and clinic BP (that is, the bias) but also the SD of the differences and the 95% limits of agreement. The limits of agreement show the estimated range within which the differences between single readings by the two BP measurements would fall on about 95% of occasions. From the figure 2B, 95% limits of agreement seem wide (i.e. for systolic BP they appear to be -52 to +12 mmHg). This must be discussed.

Done.

In the figure 2B, besides the elimination of regression line, please describe in the legend the meaning of horizontal lines. You may consider to indicate the bias with solid line and the SD of the differences and the 95% limits of agreement with dotted lines.

Done, as suggested.
The sentence “Expectedly, ΔBP were dependent on the average of clinic and awake BP” must be obviously deleted.

Done.