



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Achieving control of resistant hypertension: not just the number of blood pressure medications

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Reviewer’s country: Italy

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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for your review about resistant hypertension. Article is well written and deals with an interesting topic. Article quality could be improved with one figure summarizing the main therapeutic opportunities. Also, pathogenesis section could be



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a quite comprehensive and well written review making the point on the current knowledge about the diagnostic procedures and therapeutic approach to resistant hypertension. When the authors discuss the impact of the white-coat effect and



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white-coat hypertension on RH they must make a distinction between the two terms, which are not interchangeable Please, clarify and detail. Ref.55 regards the new 2018 ESH-ESC guidelines. These and the 2017 ACC/AHA guidelines are the most popular and followed by doctors. However, in the text there is often reference to 2017 ACC/AHA guidelines and not to ESH/ESC. I recommend to add a table summarizing the main diagnostic procedures and therapeutic options indicated by the two guidelines. This will help the reader to summarize the main indications of current guidelines. MAR must be defined at its first occurrence in the text.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a review article in which the authors review the current guidelines regarding treatment of resistance hypertension. The most common reasons of true and pseudo-resistance are described. The epidemiology of resistant hypertension is briefly



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characterized. The approach to patient with RH is described in detail such as lifestyle modification, renal denervation, baroreceptor-activation therapy and central arteriovenous anastomosis. Finally, authors focus on possible modifications of pharmacotherapy in patient with resistant hypertension. The topic is of interest and the manuscript is well-written. I have no critical concerns or any suggestions for improvement.

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Patients with resistant hypertension comprise a notable and formidable subset of the hypertensive population. In this article the authors reviewed the optimization of antihypertensive medications with device-based therapies in select individuals in



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helping patients with resistant hypertension achieve blood pressure goals. It is suitable to the Journal and could be helpful in clinic study.

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1. Page 4 Lines 10-12 should be moved to page 3 to be the first sentence under introduction.
2. Page 5 Line 12: MARs should be MRAs
3. Page 8 Line 2: "..even up to two years after the guideline was published" should be rendered "..even though they



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have been published two years earlier". 4. Page 11 Line 12: Change "regards" to "regard".
5. Authors should mention that common over-the-counter drugs, some common cold remedies and some foods may frequently cause resistant hypertension. 6. References are irregular and some are not according to the Journal format e.g. Refs 7, 10, 11, 14, 19, 21, 28-29, 63, 65, 67-68, 76-79, 82 (no year cited), 84, 88, 94, 97-99, 105-106.

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