

# Review of: "Six Months of Remote Patient Monitoring is Associated with Blood Pressure Reduction in Hypertensive Patients: An Uncontrolled, Observational Study"

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This is a useful topic to study! However, there are major limitations that the authors should consider addressing.

## Major Comments

1. How were patients enrolled into this program? Did they self-select? Did providers select them? If patients were chosen because of specific criteria, or if they self-selected, that may limit the ability to interpret these findings.
2. Did the authors have any other patient characteristics data? While this is observational, including some controls in the analysis is a bare minimum necessity.
3. The authors write that "If a measurement falls outside the ranges specified by the ordering provider, the care coordinator again uses phone calls or texts to contact the patient and ask them to re-check the measurement. If it remains out of range, the healthcare provider is notified using a provider-specific communication protocol." – In these cases, is the "in-range" measurement used, or the original measurement? If it's the former, that is very clear bias towards finding a result.
4. The authors write that "If a patient reported zero measurements for 2 consecutive months, they were disenrolled from the program" – Characteristics of these patients? Are they different than others? Could they be more likely to fail?

## Minor Comments

1. What does "consecutive patients" mean?
2. How many total patient-month observations were there?
3. How was the p-value for Table 1 calculated?