

- 2) Deficient of normal fall of blood pressure at night is associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease (2). Reverse-dipper or riser patients generate a small portion of hypertensive patients (3). Although this group is at risk for stroke (commonly intracranial hemorrhage), especially in elderly patients (4). However, despite the evidences, reverse-dipping is not mentioned in the valid guide- lines currently (5). The small number of patients was another deficiency in our study to obtain wide-angle data. Consequently, we did not examine and create a reverse-dipper group. Studies involving more patients with longer follow-ups may contribute valuable parts of further guidelines.

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Author`s Reply

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- 1) You are right about the mentioned parameters, such as e' , a' , and E/e' ; this may be a deficiency of our study. Nevertheless, we will take your advice into consideration for future research.