

Comparison of the BPLab® Sphygmomanometer for Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring with Mercury Sphygmomanometry in Pregnant Women: Validation Study According to the British Hypertension Society Protocol [Retraction]

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At the authors request, the Editor and Publisher of *Vascular Health and Risk Management* wish to retract the published article. On review of the data the authors found the wrong sized cuffs had been used to measure the blood pressure of participants due to a misunderstanding of the user manual. The researchers used ‘standard’ and ‘large’ cuffs where ‘small adult’ cuffs should have been used instead. It is known that using oversized cuffs can underestimate blood pressure up to 30 mmHg and while the results appeared appropriate the authors doubt the accuracy of their results and believe their findings are

invalid. In addition, the authors found a partial lack of patient signatures on some of the informed consent forms. In order to maintain the standards of scientific research integrity the authors have requested to retract their article.

The authors wish to apologise for this error.

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