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REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57884

Title: White Coat Syndrome and the Visual Language of Care

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This manuscript discusses an interesting and relevant topic by linking white-coat hypertension with clinician attire and patient perceptions. The paper is well written, easy to follow, and supported by current literature. The comparison between floral shirts, solid-colored shirts, and white coats is novel and thought-provoking.

However, the main weakness is that the proposed effects of attire on blood pressure are largely theoretical. Current evidence shows that clothing can influence patient trust, comfort, and perception, but there is little direct evidence that it changes blood pressure itself. The manuscript should make this distinction more clearly.

Major Comments

1. The relationship between clinician attire and blood pressure is largely speculative and should be presented more cautiously.
2. Tables and figures showing attire-related effects should be clearly identified as conceptual or hypothesis-generating, not evidence-based.
3. The article should better separate proven findings from assumptions and future possibilities.
4. If this is intended as a review article, a brief description of how the literature was selected should be included.

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Minor Comments

1. Clearly distinguish between “white-coat syndrome,” “white-coat hypertension,” and “white-coat effect.”
2. Reduce some repetition regarding trust, authority, and anxiety.
3. Ensure all figures are labeled as conceptual where appropriate.
4. Minor language editing would improve readability.