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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The small sample size is a great limitation of the study and should be discussed in the dedicated limitation section. Please provide. - CPAP therapy can influence vascular function and morphology in pulmonary patients. The authors should discuss such a point by considering the works from Ciccone MM et al: Respir Med. 2012 Nov;106(11):1623; Respir Med. 2012 May;106(5):740-6; Int J Cardiol. 2012 Jul 26;158(3):383-6 and Brunetti L et al. ScientificWorldJournal. 2013 Dec 26;2013:719456. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The limitation of the small sample size was expanded on in the Study Limitations and Implications section (pg. 8). - We have modified the manuscript under the Study Limitations and Implications section on the basis of the comment concerning CPAP therapy (pg. 9).
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All cardiovascular risk factors should be defined according recent guidelines. - A multivariate regression model should be performed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAD risk factors are defined according to recent guidelines. Cardiovascular risk factors are only mentioned once (pg. 2) as a part of a CAIDE study. See the eighth source under References. - See the Study Limitations and Implications section concerning the multivariate regression model (pg. 8).
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		