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Dear Dr Harris,

Thank you for your e-mail of September 12, 2011. We were very pleased with the excellent comments your Journal and the peer reviewers provided.

Detailed response to the referee’s comment indicating the change made in the discussion of the manuscript is attached.

Enclosed please find the revised manuscript. Should further revision of the manuscript be necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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1. Thank you for your excellent and helpful comments.

2. I fully agree that the information regarding other vasoactive drugs that these patients were receiving prior to introduction of levosimendan and also information on the impact of levosimendan on discontinuation of other vasoactive drugs, would have been extremely informative. The lack of risk classification for patients in cardiac failure is also a limitation. These have been acknowledged as limitations of the study in the discussion.

Yours Sincerely,

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