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Dear Dr Harris,

Thank you for your e-mail of September 29, 2011. The requested formatting changes to
the manuscript have been done. I was not sure how to write the Author’s contributions for a
single author.

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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