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<td>1</td>
<td>The authors have responded adequately to all reviewers’ questions and suggestions.</td>
<td>Thank you.</td>
<td>No changes.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>The manuscript could be accepted for publication but the authors should add an additional limitation to their retrospective study in the discussion section. Indeed, there are significant differences in the baseline characteristics of the two populations. In the &quot;pathway group, the patients were younger, had less heart failure and COPD. This may have had an impact on the better outcome in the &quot;pathway&quot; group.</td>
<td>We agree to do this.</td>
<td>Discussion, page 14, lines 316-319: “There were significant differences in the baseline characteristics of the two populations. In the &quot;pathway&quot; group, the patients were younger, with less heart failure, and COPD. These factors were introduced as covariates in the multivariable regression models; however, these factors may have been related to other, unmeasured variables, and these might have influenced patient outcomes.”</td>
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