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Dear Editor at BMC Nephrology,

Enclosed is a second revised version of the manuscript:

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We have implemented the comments from the reviewers and think the manuscript has been much improved and think it is suitable for publication BMC Nephrology.

Enclosed is also an itemized response letter.

We allow us to re-submit it to your journal since we find the issue it deals with relevant for the readers of your journal. We think our data provide new insight into the association between renal function and mortality risk in heart failure. Renal function is not a surrogate for diastolic dysfunction and diastolic dysfunction does not affect the prognostic significance of renal dysfunction. More research in renal sparring strategies is, therefore, needed based on our results.

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We are looking forward to hear from you

Sincerely yours,

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