Reviewer's report

**Title:** Diagnostic Accuracy of Pleural Fluid NT-pro-BNP for Pleural Effusions of Cardiac Origin: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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**Reviewer:** Oner Dikensoy

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I reviewed the meta-analysis done by Janda et al. entitled "Diagnostic Accuracy of Pleural Fluid NT-pro-BNP for Pleural Effusions of Cardiac Origin: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis" I think this is a very well written meta-analysis. It would be even better if authors were able to include the threshold level of serum NT-pro-BNP to diagnose effusions due to Heart Failure.

Sincerely Yours,

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.