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Dear Tony Austin,

thank you for the suggestions you gave us about the last revision of our manuscript entitled Pre-clinical cardiac involvement in adulthood growth hormone deficiency: role for left ventricular geometric remodeling. An observational (single-centre) case-control study.

As requested, 'Title & Abstract' and 'Author list' have been checked out the manuscript and the submission system. The authors' qualification 'MD' and the 'Word count' have been removed from the title page. 'Section headings' have been rewritten. 'Keywords section' has been removed from the manuscript. 'Competing interests' have been rewritten as follows 'The authors declare that they have no competing interests'. The correct 'order of the manuscript sections' has been provided. The 'Appendix' has been placed before the Acknowledgements section of the manuscript. In table 2, the 2 sections concerning systolic and diastolic function have been merged. After that, we hope the manuscript were now ready for the final format.

If you believe (we do) that the definition 'single-centre' in the title is unnecessary, please you are allowed to remove it from.

Best regards

Cesare de Gregorio,
On behalf of the authors