Author's response to reviews

Title: Benefit of warm water immersion on biventricular function in patients with chronic heart failure

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Re: Benefit of warm water immersion on biventricular function in patients with chronic heart failure.

Reviewer Rosa Sicari comments:

1. More data on the control group should be reported

Author’s response:
The patients are their “own control”, we do not have a randomized control group. We have tried to clarify in the method session: “The protocol consisted of three observed sessions: (1) baseline (acute effect), (2) after 8 weeks without exercise (control period), and (3) after 8 weeks of hydrotherapy, twice weekly, 45 min in a heated pool, 33-34°C at 40–70% of maximal heart rate reserve”.

Reviewer’s Comments

2. A figure with the setting to acquire images would be very appealing for the readership of the journal

Author’s response:
We are sorry, but we do not have an appropriate photo of the setting to acquire images in the swimming pool.

Reviewer’s Comments

3. Quality of written English: Needs some language before being published.

Author’s response:
The manuscript has further been editing by our linguistic expert.

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“I declare that I have no competing interests”

Yours sincerely,
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