Author's response to reviews

Title: The role of urine neutrophil gelatinase - associated lipocalin (NGAL) in acute heart failure in patients with ST - elevation myocardial infarction

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Dear Editor,

We thank you for considering the revised version of the submitted paper “The role of urine neutrophil gelatinase – associated lipocalin (NGAL) in acute heart failure in patients with ST – elevation myocardial infarction”. We have revised the manuscript in accordance with the additional comments. The changes made to the manuscript are labelled as red and the point-by-point responses are detailed below.

Kind regards,

Simona Kirbis

“The cut-off used was apparently derived from the same dataset as used for the manuscript. This should be described in the methods section and commented in limitations”

The notion was added to the methods section and stressed in the limitations section.

“The absence of reliable data on previous heart failure should be disclosed in limitations section”

This has been added to the limitation section.

“The conclusion state should be softened up. This manuscript show an association of heart failure symptoms and NT-pro-BNP, but since the cut – off was derived from the same (small) dataset, the strength of the correlation seen in the scatter plots etc, the authors should refrain from commenting on the application of these findings in future patients until proven prospectively.”

The conclusion statement has been reformulated.