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Title: Admission Hypoxia-inducible Factor 1alpha Levels and In-hospital Mortality in Patients with Acute Decompensated Heart Failure

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Dear Dr. Renato De Vecchis:

Thank you very much for your letter. It takes your distinguished professor and two reviewers a lot of time to read my manuscript. We have revised the paper according to the latest comments of reviewers.

We hope that the revision is acceptable, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Dr. Gang Li

Reviewer: Dr. Armando Pucciarelli

In truth, the authors have built the four scatter diagrams with regression line, but they have omitted to report the required regression equation for each of the drawn plots, i.e. within every plot the respective values of the intercept and beta-coefficient (slope) are lacking, in contrast with the good rule which provides for inclusion of the constant in equation, according to the scheme: $Y(\text{dependent variable})=a+bX$. Furthermore, cTnT should be expressed as ng/1000 ml rather than ng/ml. Please redo the four scatter plots accordingly, by entering the values of intercept and slope in each of them.

Many thanks for the reviewer’s good advice. According to your suggestion, we have been added the regression equation in the four scatter plots. The units of cTnT were corrected for ng/L.

Reviewer: Dr. Aldo Clerico

Many thanks for your acceptance of our article. The units of cTnT were corrected
for ng/L in the Tables and Figure. Some language errors in the manuscript were corrected by native speaker.