Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic value of short-term follow-up BNP in hospitalized patients with heart failure

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This is a nice paper on the prognostic role of BNP at short term follow-up in patients with heart failure. I have some minor suggestions:

- Is it possible to calculate the best cut-off for short term follow-up with a ROC curve?

- was also the cause of mortality known? Is it possible to stratify the population according the cause of death (e.g: cardiac death vs non cardiac death)?

- were all the patients included with only BNP levels or some of them with NT-proBNP? In this case do you use some converting formula?

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