Author's response to reviews

Title: The impact of anemia in heart failure patients' clinical characteristics and overall prognosis. A retrospective cohort study

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