Reviewer’s report

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The authors have made the suggested changes to the manuscript.

But, some changes should be made as in the following.

In page 17, line 19:

but a more recent supplement trial (Babar, et al)

-> Instead of Babar, et al, the number of reference should be inserted.

"Table 1. Baseline characteristics" should be above the Table 1.

Below the Table 1, this sentence [Data are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD) or number and percentages] would be located.

"Table 2. Baseline and Post-Treatment/Placebo Laboratory Parameters" should be above the Table 2.

Below the Table 2, this sentence [Data are expressed as mean absolute values ± standard deviation (SD)] would be located.

"Table 3. Changes in Laboratory Parameters and KCCQ" should be above the Table 3.

Below the Table 3, this sentence [Data are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD), 95% CI] would be located.

"Table 4. Changes in Cardiopulmonary Exercise Tests" should be above the Table 4
Below the Table 4, this sentence [Data are expressed as Δ ± standard deviation (SD), 95% CI] would be located.

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