Author’s response to reviews

Title: Better clinical outcome with direct oral anticoagulants in hospitalized heart failure patients with atrial fibrillation

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Reply to editorials

Thank you for your kind e-mail and helpful comments on our manuscript (BCAR-D-17-00404R3), which we have revised accordingly.

Comment 1:

We note that some paragraphs have textual overlap with other previously published works, particularly: “Associations of Acid Suppressive Therapy With Cardiac Mortality in Heart Failure Patients (2017) Journal of the American Heart Association, DOI: 10.1161/JAHA.116.005110.”

This paper has overlap within the following sections:

a) The sentence beginning ‘Cardiac death was adjudicated…’

b) The Statistical Analysis paragraph from the sentence “The PS is the propensity…”

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Therefore, we would appreciate if you try to minimise direct repetition of large sections of previously published text.

Author's Response 1:

In line with your advices, we have corrected these sentences.
Comment 2:
Please can you remove the duplicate ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section.

Author's Response 2:
In line with your advices, we have removed this section.

Comment 3:
Please ensure that you include a statement regarding consent to participate within the section ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ including how consent was given (i.e. written or verbal)

Author's Response 3:
In line with your advices, we have corrected this points.

Comment 4:
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Author's Response 4:
We have submitted clean manuscript.
Thank you again for your valuable comments on our manuscript.