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We would like to thank the reviewer for a careful and thorough reading of this manuscript and for the thoughtful comments and constructive suggestions, which help to improve the quality of this manuscript. We have revised the manuscript as advised and changes made are shown in track changes. Point-by-point response for the reviewer’s comment is given below. We hope the revision undertaken has improved the manuscript to a level of your satisfaction and we request your editorial hand.

Response to Editor Comments

Comment 1:- I would also add and discuss the single hospital scope of the study as limitations.

Response 1:- Thank you Editor for your comments. Here enclosed my response similar to the main document.

Limitations
The present study has the following limitations. The study was conducted in a single - center with a small sample size. In addition, measurements on biomarkers and laboratory values like BNP, NTproBNP, high sensitive C-reactive protein and uric acid were not available in this study that could be used significantly to predict the outcome of AHF. Besides measurement on cardiac troponin, creatine kinase–MB and BUN were not obtained fully.

Comment 2:- Author must also include further discussion on the implications of this work, so that the conclusions provide distinct insights that are of relevance to a regional or international audience.
Response 2:- Thank you Editor for your valuable comments. Below is my response similar to the main document.

Under the discussion section on last paragraph

There are limited studies on the causes, treatments and outcomes of AHF in Africa. The present study provides information on the clinical characteristics, underlying and co-morbid disease, adverse drug events and treatment outcome and its predictors in AHF in Ethiopia. Ultimately the findings are useful for the policymaker to develop strategies to improve treatment outcomes, quality of care, preventive and diagnostic services of AHF.

Regards to the conclusion section, I made a conclusion based on my present findings after I discussed it. Because of this, I couldn’t add any points under the conclusion section.