Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors of one-year outcomes in chronic heart failure: the portrait of a middle income country

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This is a carefully constructed database of 700 patients with HF being sequentially enrolled at a single center in Brazil.

1) It is likely not representative for the Brazilian population and no particular emphasis has been made to provide evidence for representativeness. As such the event rates need to be perceived with caution.

2) Patients were enrolled at different timepoint within 2 years after the diagnosis of lowEF defined as being <50%. This may introduce bias into the event rates as rates be different during early compared to late FU.

3) Variables selected for the association studies are not complete by far and the authors should make transparent what they have and which variables were selected for the analyses and why.

4) Event rates are variables associated with events are not discussed in a broader context in an attempt to elucidate the critical variables for a Brazilian HF population.

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