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Reviewer comments: The MS is much improved, particularly in regards to the Introduction and Discussion. My only recommendation is to possibly include a ROC curve with those with vs. without anti-cholinergics to set up the cutoff level to dichotomize low and high HRR. Despite the finding of significantly reduced HRM in the anti-cholinergic group, there were no differences in the % of anti-cholinergic treated patients in the low vs. high HRR with the used cutoff of 12 beats. I wonder whether a different cutoff might provide significance in the comparison."

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