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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1) In my opinion in the manuscript the main aim of the paper should be made clearer: is it the evaluation of the power of classical LBBB contraction echo pattern for clinical outcome in CRT, or the validation of classical LBBB contraction pattern assessment by vendor-independent software against a vendor-dependent one, or both? Or one is the primary aim and the other a second aim? This should also be better reflected in the methods and results sections.

2) Discussion, page 12, line 267: The mentioned data regarding inter-reader and intra-reader agreement of the longitudinal strain contraction pattern evaluation by the vendor dependent software should be reported.

3) Discussion, page 13, line 273: In order to support the explanation the spatial and temporal data features of the adopted vendor specific software should be reported.

Minor Revisions:

1) Page 4, lines 86: it seems the sentence should be completed

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