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Title: Relationship between drug application and mortality rate in Chinese older coronary artery disease/chronic heart failure patients with and without low glomerular filtration rate

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Response letter

On behalf of my co-authors, we thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate the reviewers very much for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled "Relationship between drug application and mortality rate in Chinese older coronary artery disease/chronic heart failure patients with and without low glomerular filtration rate”.

Those comments and suggestions are all valuable and very helpful for us to revise and improve our paper, as well as very important to direct our researches. We study the reviewer's comments carefully and try our best to revise the paper. Attached please find the revised version, which we would like to submit for your kind consideration.

Reviewer 1:

1. Thank you for making the suggested revisions to the papers. Having read the revised version, I have the following comments: - Thank you for clarifying in your manuscript that CKD= GFR<60 ml/min in your paper (as suggested by the previous reviewer. However, I think that the continued use of "GFR,60 ml/min/1.73m2" in the text and title disrupts the flow of the text for the reader. Instead, Please consider amending this to read "CKD" or "low GFR" (or similar) in the text, and make clear in the text and the discussion make clear that your patients with GFR<60 cannot be assumed to be representative of the CKD population in general.
We are very sorry for our unclear description. Thank you for your valuable suggestions very much. Your valuable suggestions are very valuable and helpful for us to improve our paper. Under your guidance, we replaced GFR<60 ml/min/1.73m2 with low GFR, made the clarification in the method, and added the limitation in the discussion of our manuscript. This analysis enrolled patients with GFR<60ml/min/1.73m2, and they should not be assumed to be representative of general population with chronic kidney disease.

2. In line 139, please explain/expand on the term "(Enter)".

We are very sorry for our unclear description. Thank you for your kind suggestions very much. Your valuable suggestions are very valuable and helpful for us to improve our paper. Under your guidance, we made the corresponding modification in our manuscript. Enter is the most commonly used in different methods of Cox Regression, such as Enter, Forward conditional, Forward LR, Forward Wald, Backward conditional, Backward LR and Backward Wald.

3. In your discussion, please mention the limitation of residual confounding which applies to all observational studies.

We are very sorry for our unclear description. Thank you for your useful suggestions very much. Your valuable suggestions are very valuable and helpful for us to improve our paper. Under your guidance, we added the limitation in our manuscript. The problem of residual confounding, which applies to all observational studies, could not be avoided by this analysis.

4. Please have the whole manuscript (especially the new sections) proofread by an English language editing service or native speaker, the grammar and syntax are still hard to follow in places.

We are very sorry for our unclear description. Thank you for your valuable suggestions very much. Your valuable suggestions are very valuable and helpful for us to improve our paper. Under your guidance, we sought the help of an American expert to modify our manuscript. We have to apologize for giving you so many troubles. We deeply appreciate your consideration and suggestions of our manuscript and look forward to receiving your comments. Your comments and suggestions give us not only great help in revising the article, but also significant revelation in our scientific research. Your kind guidance is our good luck. We wonder if the modification could meet your requirements. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and best regards.