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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There is one question raised after reading the well written manuscript. Is there any data on cardiac biomarkers and NT Pro-BNP in these group of patients with acute decompensated heart failure. Minor error: page 9:line 13: 'statically' or do you mean "statistically"

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This is a well-written manuscript about the treatment of severe acute heart failure. Patients included in the trial are very sick and for many of them, this trial seems to be a last chance before switching to palliative care. Studies about this population are hard to do and that point needs to be considered in the decision to publish that manuscript. Also, almost all literature actually available on the matter comes from one Italian group and having insight about others groups is mandatory. Patient in the standard treatment group do not received very high doses of diuretics. Do you believe that the better response observed with the treatment proposed could be only related to the increase of furosemide doses (independent of the saline infusion)?