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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this retrospective analysis of 252 elderly patients with HF and reduced ejection, the authors demonstrated a significant association between frailty and poor in-hospital outcomes. I have two comments: 1) Why the authors consider 60 years-old as cut-off to define elderly patient rather than 75 years-old [1]? Please state the decision in the methods section. 2) The authors should provide definitions for adverse events. [1] Ouchi Y, Rakugi H, Arai H et al (2017) Redefining the elderly as aged 75 years and older: proposal from the joint committee of japan gerontological society and the Japan geriatrics society. *Geriatr Gerontol Int* 17:1045–1047. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ggi.13118>