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### Point-by-point response to Reviewers

Rev. Manuscript NO. 66853

Title: **Treatment with neurohormonal inhibitors and prognostic outcome in pulmonary arterial hypertension with risk factors for left heart disease**

Editors-in-Chief,  
*World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*

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Dear Editors,

Thank you for your careful consideration of our manuscript.

We would like to thank the reviewers for the thoughtful comments and constructive suggestions, which helped us to improve the quality of this manuscript. We have carefully read the reviewers' comments, performed the corrections suggested by the reviewers and have revised the manuscript accordingly. Our responses are given in a point-by-point manner below. The material submitted for publication has not been previously published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. No conflicts of interest have to be declared.

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

*This is a retrospective clinical study. Although the number of cases is not large, it shows that PAH should be given NEUi orally if combined with left ventricular dysfunction. We know that PAH has international guidelines, but the references are not cited. I suggest that the latest guideline should be cited and the authors clarify the relationship between the results of this article and the statement in the guideline in the discussion.*

Reply: *accordingly to the Reviewers' suggestions, the latest version of PH international Guidelines has been cited in the section 'Methods' [lines 126-127 of the revised manuscript], as well as in the section 'References' [lines 297-307 and 361-363 of the revised manuscript]. Furthermore, following Your suggestions, a dedicated paragraph clarifying the relationship between the results of the analysis presented in this article, and the current statement in the international guidelines, has been introduced in the section 'Discussion' [lines 189-194 of the revised manuscript].*

**Language quality:** *Grade B: Minor language polishing.*

Reply: *Language quality of the manuscript has been revised and improved.*

**Title:** *the title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the Journal (Title: the title should be no more than 18 words).*

Reply: *The title of the manuscript has been shortened to 18 words [lines 1-2 of the revised manuscript], in order to meet the requirement of the Journal.*

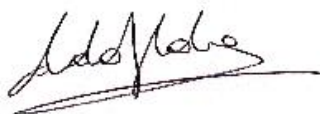
**Figure:** *The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.*

Reply: *Accordingly to Your suggestions, a Power Point file has been provided, in which the figure 1 of the manuscript has been prepared and arranged to ensure that all graphs or text portions could be reprocessed by the editor.*

We hope the revised version of the manuscript will be reconsidered and deemed as suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*.

Thank you in advance for Your reconsideration of the manuscript.

Sincerely,



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