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PART A:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Medicine and Medical Research
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012/BJMMR/1384
Title of the Manuscript:	<i>Steady-State Levels of Troponin and Brain Natriuretic Peptide for Prediction of Long-Term Outcome after Acute Decompensated Heart Failure with or without Chronic Kidney Disease</i>
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PART B: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part and write here 'Corrected'/ if not agreed, give suitable justifications)</i>
General comment:	The authors investigated the predictive values of discharge BNP and cTnT concentrations in patients admitted with decompensated heart failure. Major limitations of the study are that the old 4 th generation cTnT assay was used (this assay is no longer available in most parts of the world) and BNP was measured with the assay from Shionogi which is no longer used outside of Japan. This BNP assay gives lower values than most commercially available BNP assays used in the rest of the world. Thus, the study results cannot be generalized and are only suitable to demonstrate and confirm the principle that discharge values of both markers are suitable for risk stratification but the reported absolute values cannot be used with other assay.	
Specific comments:	Statistics – Because of obvious skewed distribution parameters should be reported as median and interquartile range (e.g. line 59, 106, 107)	
Title and abstract		
Introduction		
Review of literature (Heading may differ in the case of review paper)		
Materials & methods (Heading may differ in the case of review paper)		
Results & discussion (Heading may differ in the case of review paper)		
Conclusion		



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References		
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Note: Anonymous Reviewer: Reviewer requested not to reveal his/her identity.