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Dear Editor,

Please find attached the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6919-review.docx).

**Title:** Steal syndrome secondary to coronary artery fistulae associated with giant aneurysm

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The manuscript has been improved as follows:

1. Formatting has been updated/corrected as per the editor's comments:

- a) title has been modified, running title added
- b) full addresses of affiliated institutions included
- c) author contributions listed
- d) keywords added/modified
- e) abstract included
- f) core tip modified
- g) format of report changed to comply with the *World Journal of Cardiology's* requirements (case report followed by discussion)
- h) comments included as per requirements
- i) referencing corrected to include DOI, etc.

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

- a) ensured that wording in the manuscript reflects that the case is rare but not novel
- b) changed text in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of case report section to acronym IHD
- c) added additional risk factors of age and post-menopausal status
- d) included ECG as Figure 1
- e) included discussion of aetiology and epidemiology

A further point-to-point answers to the reviewer's comments are as follow:

**Reviewer #1 (00060494)**

1. It is a rare case but not novel finding

Answer: We agree with this comment and have ensured that wording in the manuscript reflects this.

2. In your article, the proper noun should use the full term and then an abbreviation should be used in the other. Therefore, ischaemic heart disease appeared in the Case report section, 2nd paragraph, 4th line should change to IHD.

Answer: Thank you, we have made this change.

3. cardiovascular risk factors should include not only HTN and DM, but also aged and female post menopause

Answer: Thank you, this was an omission on our part and we have now included these two risk factors in the case report.

4. You may illustrate the resting EKG in your article

Answer: The ECG is now included as Figure 1.

5. Furthermore, you may take a literature review of discussion for this case in your article

Answer: A brief review of the aetiology and epidemiology has now been included.

#### **Reviewer #2 (00227375)**

The authors present a rare case report of multiple coronary arteriovenous fistulae with giant coronary artery aneurysms and steal syndrome. The manuscript is clearly written and well organized. I have no question about this manuscript.

Answer: Thank you kindly for your review of our manuscript.

#### **Reviewer #3 (02468825)**

Castles et al. reported an interesting case presenting the angiographic findings of a rare occurrence of multiple coronary arteriovenous fistulae associated with giant coronary artery aneurysms and steal syndrome in the settings of hemodynamic stress.

Major comments:

1. Please provide the figure of ECG.

Answer: The ECG is now included as Figure 1.

2. Discuss the potential cause/risk factors for coronary AVF and aneurysm.

Answer: A discussion of aetiology and epidemiology has now been included.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication in the *World Journal of Cardiology*.

Yours sincerely,



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