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Fang-Fang Ji  
Director, Editorial Office  
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RE: Informed consent statement

Dear Mr. Ji:

With regards to the case report manuscript # 30643 submitted to World Journal of Cardiology, a copy of a written informed consent cannot be obtained from the patient as the patient unfortunately expired two years ago of unrelated causes. Approximately four years ago, the patient personally gave me her verbal consent to my sharing her unusual medical case with the larger medical community. We believe that contacting her next of kin would not be appropriate in this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arnold Seto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arnold Seto, MD, MPA

On behalf of all of the authors