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To the World Journal of Cardiology Editorial Staff:

We thank the editorial staff and reviewers for taking the time to review our work and appreciate their thoughtful comments and criticisms. Below we have addressed their comments to the best of our ability and attached you will find our revised manuscript including the changes outlined below in response to reviewers' comments, as well as other changes requested by the editorial staff.

Reviewer number 02634593 requested data regarding the intra-observer and inter-observer variability results for ECG and echocardiography parameters. As mentioned in the abstract, ECG measurements were exported from a database of computer performed measurements and were not manually verified for the purposes of this study. Similarly, echocardiographic measurements were made during routine clinical interpretation of the echocardiogram and not repeat or verified for this study. Because of this, we are unable to provide information on intra- or inter-observer variability in the results of these tests. The wording in the methods section was updated to clarify how these measurements were derived (page 6). References have been updated to follow the journal style as suggested.

Reviewer number 03366276 points out that enhanced sensitivity of the test compared to conventional criteria, and resultant improved promise as a screening test, is not emphasized in the discussion. We agree that this should be better emphasized and an additional paragraph discussing this has been added to the discussion section (page 12). They also point out that the first sentence of the introduction is not clear; this sentence has been rewritten to be clearer.

We hope these changes will address the editorial staff and reviewers' questions and comments and look forward to your evaluation of our revised manuscript.

Best regards,  
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