

15<sup>th</sup> of April 2012

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript of the full-text manuscript in Word format.

**Title: Hypoxemia without persistent right-to-left pressure gradient across a patent foramen ovale: A clinical challenge**

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
  - a. This is the first case report to the best of our knowledge where the case is successfully managed with conservation treatment. Although, closure of PFO seems tempting for these kinds of situations, the treatment of precipitating factors (triggers), may alleviate the need for closure. Device closure in this age group is again at least moderate risk procedure due to inherent periprocedural complications.
  - b. Data on the medical treatment and the oxygen content and saturation after 1 month however were not available as patient was lost during follow up. Due to advanced age, these type of patients tend to spend remaining time of their life at home (home hospice) rather than visiting doctors and hospitals. We apologize for this.
3. References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Cardiology*

Sincerely yours,

Dr.Pant