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Case reports should describe a new disease, or confirmation of a rare disease; a new insight into pathogenesis, etiology, diagnosis, or treatment; or a new finding associated with a currently known cardiovascular disease.

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Original clinical diagnostic and therapeutic images are considered for publication. The images must be accompanied by a brief history and dissection followed by a conclusion. IJCA does not publish video case studies.

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