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General

Major compulsory revisions

1. The abstract has now been lengthened from 49 words to 72 words.

2. The exact aortic valve repair (valve resuspension) is now included in the abstract and the first paragraph of the case report section of the manuscript. That the reason for severe aortic regurgitation at 8 months could be gradual failure of the aortic valve repair to resuspend the valve has now also been included in the first paragraph of the case report section of the manuscript.

3. We fully agree that persistent false lumen and aortic valve insufficiency are absolute contra-indications for insertion of IABP. In fact, the lymphocele was at the site of femoral artery cannulation for CPB, not IABP as stated. This has now been corrected in the discussion section of the manuscript.

4. Thank you. A reference for innominate artery cannulation by Banbury and Cosgrove [7] has now been added to the reference section and is mentioned in the discussion section of the manuscript.