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Title: Use of endovascular embolization to treat a ruptured arteriovenous malformation in a pregnant woman: a case presentation

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Dear Dr. Kidd,

Thank you very much for consideration of our article “Use of endovascular embolization to treat a ruptured arteriovenous malformation (AVM) in a pregnant woman: a case presentation” for publication in your journal. We made the editorial changes you suggested and believe that the paper now conforms to your format.

We also appreciate the feedback from the reviewers and have responded to the concerns of Reviewer #2. First, we provided more information regarding the woman’s labor. Second, we elaborated on methods used to shield the fetus from ionizing radiation during the surgical procedures. Namely, this involved shielding the patient’s abdomen with lead drapes during the procedure and also using MRI to determine the AVMs primary feeders prior to the procedure instead of performing a full angiogram. This allowed us to selectively target the primary pedicle during the procedure, resulting in lower doses of both radiation and contrast.

Once again, we appreciate your consideration of our paper and are open to any further suggestions.

Sincerely,

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