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### This format contains three parts:

1. Authors present a challenging case without discussing the different potential clinical management plans. (How should I treat?)
2. Guest experts will be invited to share their opinion regarding their preferred treatment plan. (How would I treat?)
3. The submitting authors will present the actual treatment. (How I treated the patient.)

### The rules of this format:

1. The guest experts will be blinded for the actual treatment.
2. The submitting authors will be blinded for the expert's opinion.

## Author's instructions

### Part One: How should I treat?

1. **Title:** it should always include the prefix How should I treat

*Example:*

**How should I treat an unusual referral for heart transplantation?**

2. **The authors:** please include first names and titles and affiliations.

*Example:*

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5. **Case summary:**

*Example:*

**Background:** A 55 years old man was referred for cardiac transplantation because of intractable angina and fatigue.

**Investigation:** Physical examination, laboratory test, echocardiography, exercise ECG, MRI and coronary arteriography.

**Diagnosis:** Multiple coronary artery fistulae.

**Management:** Beta-blockers, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, ICD.

**Keywords:** refractory angina pectoris, coronary angiogram, coronary artery fistula, non-compaction cardiomyopathy, and cardiac transplantation.

6. **The heading to be used is:**

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**How would I Treat?**

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### Part Three: How did I treat?

#### Actual treatment and management of case

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**How did I treat?**

**Actual treatment and management of case**

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