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Title: Cocaine-Induced Renal Infarction: Report of a Case and Review of the Literature

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Dear Reviewer:

Thank you very much for taking the time to thoroughly review our manuscript. We found your comments to be very constructive and have addressed each one in revising our manuscript. Thank you again for your assistance.

General:
- We have stated clearly that the diagnosis of CIRI is based on exclusion of other entities that cause renal infarct
- We have included in the text about CT scan not being very reliable for diagnosing renal infarct when the renal infarct is global... that is why our study was followed up with a Gallium scan
- The mechanisms of renal infarction due to cocaine are clearly stated in the article

Major Compulsory Revision:
We have stated both in the abstract and in the introduction specific points about the importance of this article (mechanism of disease, diagnosis in atypical presentations and need for optimal therapy)

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. The references have been fixed to conform to BMC Nephrology reference style
2. The figure numbers and table numbers have been fixed to conform to BMC Nephrology style

Style Correction 3-17 have been changed per our reviewer's comments

Discretionary Revisions:
1. Two more recent cases (Edmondson DA et al WMJ 2004 & Mochizuki Y et al Clin Nephrol 2003) have been reviewed and included in the article
2. The above two cases have been included in the reference section
3. Arrows have been included in the radiographic images indicating the areas of abnormality in order to enhance the image.