Author's response to reviews

Title: Acute coronary ischaemia during alcohol withdrawal: a case report

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Dear editor and reviewers,

Thank you for reviewing and your valued comments. Please find our responses below (in bold font).

Reviewer 1

The authors report a case of ST changes in a patient on alcohol withdrawal and a seizure. This point to a clinically important issue in the care for such patients. However, the authors need to detail in their discussion previous studies by others which do report QT prolongation in alcohol withdrawal and which explains seizures more easily since an ST change in the EKG does not explain a seizure. Cuculi et al reported in Swiss Med Wkly 2006: 136: 223-227 on ECG changes amongst patients with alcohol withdrawal seizures and delirium tremens.

Thank you for this reference. This article (and two others) is now discussed in the 2nd paragraph of the discussion section (highlighted in yellow)

Reviewer 2

Please note the changes done with track changes

Comment 1: Agreed. We have removed the word ‘healthy’ in abstract

Comment 2: The word unstable angina was replaced by acute coronary ischaemia (introduction)

Comment 3: What was meant by ‘supportive care’ was adequate hydration and nursing care (case presentation; paragraph 3)

Comment 4: We followed a non invasive treatment strategy and it is mentioned now in manuscript (Case presentation; paragraph 4)

Comment 5: Agreed. However, in our patient Troponins were not elevated.

Comment 6: We have not done a control echocardiogram but have performed serial ECGs during the hospital stay which demonstrated dynamic changes that are detailed in the text.

Comment 7: Agreed. This fact is now mentioned in the discussion (paragraph 2)

Comment 8: Agreed. This point is raised by the other reviewer as well and is addressed in the 2nd paragraph of the discussion section
Thank you,
Kind regards
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