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Title: Value of hair analysis following chronic exposure to smoked drugs of abuse in adults and their toddler: a case report

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Dear Editor:

Through the electronic submission system of the Journal, we have uploaded the reviewed manuscript entitled "Value of hair analysis following chronic exposure to smoked drugs of abuse in adults and their toddler: a case report", which has been accepted by the Editorial Board of JMC for the section Case Reports.

We appreciate very much your attention to this submission.

Sincerely yours,

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Comments: we have made all the changes suggested and also title has been slightly modified

Referee 1

1. This title of this submission has to be changed.

Change has been made.

2. Check the spelling of benzoylecgonine along the submission and the abbreviation that has to be BZG and not BZE.
3. Thus the only important discussion that has to be made is that parental consumption of drugs of abuse can be reflected in a non negligible exposure in their progeny.

4. Some comparison with what has been reported in the international literature and values found by other investigators is essential to discuss the present case.

5. INTRODUCTION. Delete the half. It is not important to mention the significance of hair analysis, which is well known. Instead the problem of pediatric exposure to parental drugs, especially the smoked ones should be reminded with examples from international literature.

6. RESULTS: Among the results the clinical situation of the toddler should be reported together with the toxicological analysis. Authors should explain why the only use immunoassay (they are indeed a paediatric emergency ward and speed of results is of paramount importance).

7. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION. The discussion should focus on the presented case. Forget about crack and mention cocaine and other drugs use, explain the clinical consequences of a polyexposure (cannabis exposure was also reported) and conclude advocating the hair analysis in all cases of newborns, toddlers and children from risky environments.

8. English editing is required.