

## Answering reviewers

Dear professor:

I am very glad to hear from you. Thank you for reviewing the manuscript. I am grateful to you for the valuable suggestions provided. Here are responses to the reviewer comments:

*Comment 1: Dear Authors, I find your case interesting and well-documented. I have not additional comments for you.*

Thanks for the comments.

*Comment 2: The authors have analyzed an interesting case of idiopathic cholesterol crystal embolism with atheroembolic renal disease and blue toes syndrome. In order to improve the quality of the manuscript, the following corrections are proposed: - Figure 4 should define the meaning of the abbreviations - The word "stain" is used, which probably should be replaced by "statin". - Renal function, measured by serum creatinine, improves over time, but have creatinine clearance (GFR or eGFR) and proteinuria been studied?*

The word "stain" be replaced by "statin". The creatinine clearance (GFR or eGFR) and proteinuria have not been tested for convenience in clinic.

*Comment3: The authors describe a case report of cholesterol crystal embolization and treatment with corticosteroids. The work is interesting and well-presented and confirms the inflammatory state generated by the presence of these crystals locally. Authors should carefully review English throughout the manuscript.*

The manuscript has been edited by a professional English language editing company.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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