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Type of the Article	Case report

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>Though Bertolotti's syndrome has been reported many in literature, this manuscript is largely well written including comprehensive discussion about this syndrome.</p> <p>As the author described in the discussion, there are many possible aetiology for this disease. Thus, it may be hard to conclude whether the symptoms of these two cases were certainly caused by Bertolotti's lesion or not. The author should have performed the diagnostic procedure described in this discussion for definitive diagnosis in these cases. Various low back pain can be well treated by the conventional treatments given to these two cases. Please show obvious evidence that the symptoms of these cases are caused by Bertolotti's lesion.</p> <p>The figures' quality is unsatisfactory as the previous reports have already shown well-contrast X-rays as well as supplementary CT and MRI. As mention above, only X-ray may not be sufficient to conclude that the patient symptom is caused by Bertolotti's lesion.</p> <p>Since the author refer to LSTV classification, these two cases should be also classified according to this classification.</p>	
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