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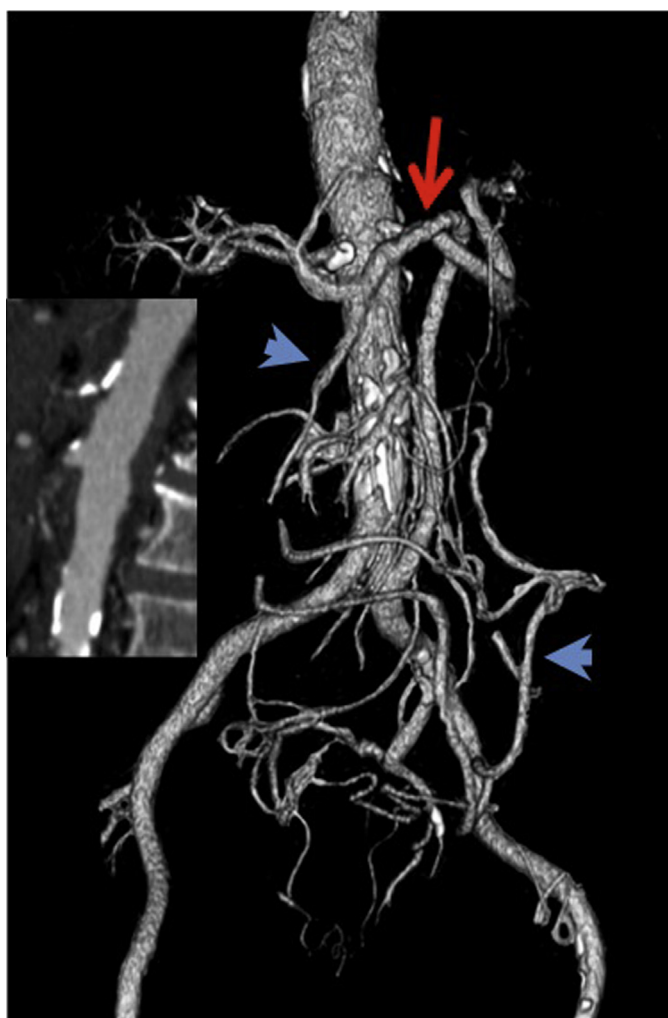
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COUP D'OEIL

Atypical Mesenteric Revascularisation

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A 74 year old hypertensive woman (non-smoker, chronic renal failure, BMI = 17.5) suffered from chronic mesenteric ischaemia. She had occlusion of the coeliac axis origin and the first 5 cm of the superior mesenteric artery (inset), with severe stenosis of the inferior mesenteric artery (IMA). She underwent successful percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) of the IMA origin. The angina recurred a year later, progressing to abdominal rest pain as a result of critical IMA restenosis. After two unsuccessful endovascular attempts, a 6 mm PTFE (Propaten®) ilio-hepatic bypass was performed. The post-operative computed tomography scan shows a patent bypass (red arrow), and the peri-pancreatic and Rioloan arcades (blue arrowheads). The patient was pain free.

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