Risk of Cocaine-Induced Myocardial Infarction During Sport

To the Editor:

In the Determinants of Myocardial Infarction Onset Study, Mittleman et al. demonstrated triggering effects of myocardial infarction in the hour immediately after cocaine use and strenuous exercise, with 23.7- and 5.9-fold increases over baseline, respectively.

Given the widespread use of cocaine among recreational and competitive athletes, can an estimate be rendered from their data regarding the cumulative risk of cocaine use during sport?

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