Box 3

Drugs that may complicate the management of acute kidney injury

Drugs interfering with renal perfusion

- ACE inhibitors and ARBs
- NSAIDs
- All antihypertensives
- Diuretics
- Nitrates
- Nicorandil

Drugs requiring dose reduction or cessation

- Low molecular weight heparins
- Opiates
- Penicillin-based antibiotics
- Metformin
- Sulphonylurea-based hypoglycaemic agents
- Aciclovir
- High-dose statins

Drugs requiring close monitoring

- Warfarin

Drugs aggravating hyperkalaemia

- Digoxin
- Beta-blockers
- Trimethoprim
- Potassium-sparing diuretics e.g. eplerenone, spironolactone, amiloride