Reviewer’s report

Title: Pulseless Electrical Activity During Electroconvulsive Therapy: A Case Report

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The article is an article of importance in its field. Because PEA with pulmonary embolism during ECT is highly suggestive and it is important to monitor DVT with high risk patients before ECT.

But, the authors need a minor essential revisions. The first is they stress more aggressively needs of preoperative Doppler. The word of screening is ambiguous. So they should directly use the words of "preoperative Doppler" even in abstract.

The second is about cuff-method with upper limb. They suggested cuff-technique with upper extremities. But, they don't state demerit of the method with upper limb. There is a case report of wrist fracture by cuff method with upper limb(1). They should note it. Subsequently they should state their suggestion.

I think that the article should accept after discretionary revisions (which the authors can choose to ignore).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field