Reviewer's report

Title: Identical fracture patterns in combat vehicle blast injuries due to improvised explosive devices; a case series. Identical injury patterns in blast trauma

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The authors have done a nice job of revising this manuscript. It is my opinion that the manuscript would benefit from an additional revision as it is difficult to follow at times (Background), description of injury mechanisms is somewhat superficial, and the Discussion could address some additional points such as (1) addressing the vast differences in injury types between the four presented cases and (2) comparison of injuries from these case reports to overall incidence from IED blast. However, as it currently stands, this manuscript will add useful clinical information to the literature and has accomplished the stated aim of establishing whether adjuncts in the assessment of blast injury patients can be advanced.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.