Reviewer’s report

Title: Thoraco abdominal Impalement Injury: a case report

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The paper, in my opinion is too long and could be shortened by about a third, concentrating on relevant facts.

These dramatic injuries are actually in the minority - most patients die. Those that are seen are those with minimal major injuries.

Do not understand what is meant by the following: "through the front posterior wall of stomach near greater curvature at body, cardia, and then through the diaphragm." What is the front posterior wall of the stomach? "Body" can refer to the patient as a whole. This sentence is best completely rewritten.

I presume shock was due to peritonitis due to soilage as there was no obviously blood loss documented.

The parents must have signed consent for publication. I would be concerned about a 10-year-old boy signing consent.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 I have no competing interests.