Reviewer's report

Title: Simple technique for the evacuation of traumatic subcutaneous haematomas under tension.

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Reviewer: Gelabert Gonzalez

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Traumatic subcutaneous haematoma are a serious complications of closed traumatic injuries and occasionally urgent drainage is required. The authors present a simple and safe technique to evacuate traumatic subcutaneous haematomas without general anaesthesia. The paper are well described however the authors must be corrected the abstract and the references. The abstract must be structured using 4 headings: background, methods, results and conclusions. The references must be numbered consecutively, in square brackets, in the order in which they are cited in the text and listed at the end of the paper in the order in which they appear. References should be cited according to the journal style. I think that it is suitable for publication in Emergency Medicine with minimal corrections

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No