Reviewer's report

Title: Does applying the Canadian Cervical Spine rule reduce cervical spine radiography rates in alert patients with blunt trauma to the neck? A retrospective analysis.

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Reviewer: Patrick Platzer

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The manuscript is well written and provides thoroughly important information in its field.

- Discretionary revisions-

There remains only one question: Will the authors of the article change the assessment of potential C-spine injuries at their departments according to the Canadian Cervical Spine rules, or will there still be medio-legal implications for additional C-spine radiographs in patients who could be ruled out clinically referring to the Canadian Cervical Spine rules?!

Maybe, they can shortly state on this subject in the Discussion.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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