Reviewer's report

Title: Late peri-orbital haemorrhage following functional endoscopic sinus surgery: a caution for potential day case surgery

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General
The manuscript is interesting and it is essential to report such late complications to recommend caution in performing ESS in a day case setting.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1) It is essential to publish the pre-operative CT scan to control the nose/sinusal anatomy and especially the route of anterior ethmoidal artery.
2) Medial canthotomy usually realizes an important esthetical damage and it is generally useless: it is possible to evacuate medial orbital haematomas via a ESS decompression of the medial orbital wall or via the way of lateral canthotomy and a trans-conjunctival/retro-caruncular approach. So a comment on this is necessary.
3) It is not clear if the site of haemorrhage was identified.

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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