Reviewer's report

**Title:** Secondary left ventricular injury with haemopericardium caused by a rib fracture after blunt chest trauma.

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**Reviewer:** Rune Haaverstad

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The case report is well written and is of interest for cardiothoracic and trauma surgeons. The CT pictures are helpful to understand the disease; the chest x-rays are not really giving additional information and the authors should whether the latter figures should be withdrawn.

**What next?:** Accept after discretionary revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable