Reviewer's report

Title: Airway trauma: a review on epidemiology, mechanisms of injury, diagnosis and treatment

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Reviewer: George P Aislaitner

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it is a very descriptive manuscript for a relatively common and life threatening condition.

It is considered that the manuscript deals with an important issue with a significant impact in its field. The detailed description of the symptomatology and the various alternative approaches for the stepwise management of this condition is very helpful. The review has summarised the available literature in a more than adequate manner, which gives merit to the work performed.

The use of English language is very good

There are no major compulsory revisions or minor essential revisions.

It is proposed to note in the abstract and in the text (the first time it appears) the tracheobronchial injury and then place the initials TBI.

In addition at the last page there is the same Table as in the two previous pages and at the bottom of the page there is the word Figure 1.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests