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Title: Isolated radial head dislocation A rare and easily missed injury in the presence of major distracting injuries - A case report

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To
The Editor,
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Sir/madam,

We would like to submit a revised version of the case report titled "Isolated radial head dislocation - An easily missed injury in the presence of major distracting injuries. A Case Report" for publication in your esteemed journal.

The suggestions made by reviewers have been incorporated in the article. The following are the changes made:

1. Reply to Referee 2 comments - No revisions were advised. Although the importance of a thorough secondary survey is well known, this case report highlights the fact that important injuries may be missed. This case report serves as a reminder to the reader about this important issue. It also highlights a rare injury. Therefore we feel that this case report is worth reporting.

2. As per suggestions by Referee 1, the pelvis figure has been removed from the report.

3. Points 1 - 5 from Referee 3 have been included in the article (significant past history or previous elbow arthritis, clinical examination, treatment & post immobilisation protocol and final follow up. With regards to point 6 & 7, there was no plastic deformation of the ulna (this is seen in paediatric radial head dislocations) and as the diagnosis was clear, there was no need for further imaging (CT or MRI scans). The elbow was screened under anaesthetic and found to be stable, there was no evidence of a coronoid fracture or radial head fracture during the screening and therefore no further imaging was necessary. (Points 8 & 9). This has been addressed in the article. The discussion has been revised as suggested by Referee 3. Please do consider this report for publication.
Thanking you,
Yours truly,
Mr Ulfin Rethnam