Reviewer's report

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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Reviewer: Stephen H Boyce

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

General

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Revisions necessary for publication

I do not feel that this case reports adds anything to what is already known on this subject. ATLS has been adopted as the standard protocol for assessing multisystem trauma patients. A thorough secondary survey is part of this. While the injury is rare in adults, highlighting an injury missed on secondary survey only demonstrates that mistakes are often made, a fact that all doctors involved in Emergency Medicine are only too aware.

What next?: Reject

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published