Reviewer’s report

Title: Delayed Spinal Extradural hematoma following thoracic spine surgery producing paraplegia: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Ashish Diwan

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Comments to authors:

General
Post operative epidural bleeds are known and clinicians need to be vigilant.
Authors fail to highlight what was different or unique in their case
The assumed argument that patient excessive movement caused bleeding is not justifiable.
Writing style needs to be modified to improve readability
Figure 1 is not necessary
Introduction and literature review need beefing up - a more wider database search is recommended.
Words like after should be replaced with Following, Done with performed
The journal is not specific to neuro surgery - hence description of sub spinous laminectomy is needed
Please avoid creation of new acronyms like PSEH etc - call the entity what it is - post operative spinal epidural bleed
Please write in third person
Instead of referring to the case as "our case or patient" - refer to as the reported case

Revisions necessary for publication

**What next?:** Revise and resubmit

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