Reviewer’s report

Title: Rectus sheath hematoma: three case reports

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Comments to authors:

1. The authors present three case reports of rectus sheath hematoma, providing brief descriptions of each case along with treatment and associated factors or etiologies leading to this malady. However, they simply list these factors and provide no information based on literature review of what are the more common factors associated with this entity. This is important information for clinicians and would help raise the index of suspicion of a rectus sheath hematoma when confronted with frequent presenting symptoms of acute abdominal pain.

2. The authors did not do a comprehensive review of the literature and perhaps this would help in their elaborating on the various causes of rectus sheath hematoma. This information would be most suitable in the discussion portion of the manuscript. I listed three additional review articles not cited by the authors, one of which comes from their own country (Ozucelik DN et al, Ann Saudi Med 2005;May-June:25:250).

3. I believe the manuscript is worthy of publication with the additional information as requested.