Reviewer’s report

**Title:** A peculiar hair-thread tourniquet injury to the penis: thread embedded into penile tissue over time; a case report.

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**Reviewer:** Ndubuisi Eke

**Has the case been reported coherently?:** Yes

**Is the case report authentic?:** Yes

**Is this case worth reporting?:** Yes

**Is the case report persuasive?:** Yes

**Comments to authors:**

**Case presentation**

Rather than say â##He was not in chronic urinary retentionâ##, state the bladder was not distended.

The sentence â##At surgery under â##towards the base of the penisâ## should be broken up into some 3 sentences.

The author used a degloving incision and this should be so stated.

From the urethrogram, the length of the stricture is hardly 2cm.

Was the urethra mobilized. This may have prevented the bowing when anastomosis was attempted.

Reference 4 to the method used is inappropriate in Case Report. The method used should be in Discussion and credited to Quartey.

We are not told that a catheter was placed at operation before being told that it was removed.

Abstract says he was well at 28 months. It should be stated in the Case presentation.

**Discussion**

What is/are the mechanism(s) of hair thread tourniquette. This must be stated.

The sentence from: â##This aspect of there being minimal discomfort to the child may have contributed to this patient presenting late, in addition to living with an aged grand mother and the initial recourse to native medication for 3 yearsâ## can be recast thus: â##This aspect of there being minimal discomfort to the child
as well as his living with an aged grand mother and the initial recourse to native medication for 3 years may have contributed to late presentation.

If unattended, if what is unattended?

Recast from In cases not recognized early to the tourniquette 6,7,8 by breaking up the sentence for clarity.

From It is worthy to note seemed to be related to the urethra is already or should be in the Case presentation.

Who applied the hair thread tourniquet and for what? This should be in Case presentation.

Putting references in Conclusion is inappropriate.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions