Reviewer’s report

Title: Post-traumatic fulminant paradoxical fat embolism syndrome in conjunction with asymptomatic atrial septal defect. A case report and review of the literature.

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Reviewer: Rupert KETTERL

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1. What type of osteosynthesis should be performed in such cases (external fixator or femur plating).
2. Could you give us a suggestion concerning the time of the operative treatment?
3. Which management could you suggest to avoid the described complication?
4. Please correct the typing mistakes in line 56, 97 and 138

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.