Reviewer's report

Title: An Unusual Iatrogenic Case of Suprascapular Nerve Neuropathy

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Reviewer: Asterios Dramis

Which of the following 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?: No

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?: 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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors present a case of postoperative traumatic injury of the suprascapular nerve. They assumed that the injury occurred during patient transfer from operating table. If this assumption is true, then I cannot see the value of this case report as perioperative peripheral nerve injuries is not uncommon. On the contrary, they authors have assumed that the SN injury was due to patient transfer based on the clinical and investigation picture and it is impossible to prove or disprove their conclusion (eg. unwitnessed shoulder injury during transfer, acute injury to the shoulder with severe pain would normally present before the 3rd postoperative day). Could this be an idiopathic case?

Based on the above I have my reservations in publishing this case report.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'