Reviewer’s report

Title: Removal of a Bullet Fragment from the Cervical Spinal Cord using a Minimally Invasive Surgical Approach: A Case Report

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

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Minimally invasive approach- Indications

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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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is not the first case report to use minimally invasive approach to remove bullet fragments. Needs to change your statement. The discussion needs to be shortened. Do you have intra-operative fluoroscopic images?

References:
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**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'