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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novel approach to a known disease entity

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Comments to authors:

this is a very interesting article on utilizing MIS in a select group of patients for trauma neurosurgery. in the discussion, it might be worth noting that an MIS approach may be warranted in the GSW patients who are critical and may not be stable for a larger more invasive surgery for decompression of the spinal cord. although this therapy will not change clinical outcome, it is an interesting feasibility study for expanding the use of MIS spine surgery

Quality of written English: Acceptable
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I declare that I have no competing interests