Reviewer's report

Title: Traumatic Asphyxia Due to Blunt Chest Trauma: Case Report and Literature Review

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Reviewer: Konstantinos Kostikas

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?: Yes

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?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Sertaridou and colleagues have described an interesting case of traumatic asphyxia due to blunt head trauma. This is an interesting case with even more impressive images that provides useful clinical information. My minor comments are the following:

• The authors should provide the unique features of your case compared to the already existing literature.
• Serum biochemistry values would be useful to be provided as actual numbers.

Quality of written English: Acceptable