Reviewer's report

Title: Traumatic spinal fracture treated by vertebroplasty: a case report

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Comments to authors:

The treatment option discussed in this report was clearly beneficial in two specific regards: 1. preserving a motion segment and 2. obviating the need for more extensive and costly surgery in this young patient. The followup period is appropriate to accurately assess the clinical outcome. This report should be published in order to make the reader aware of this option in this selected clinical situation.

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none.