Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Chad Ball

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The authors have made nearly all of the requested changes to their manuscript. The topic remains relevant and important to the field of trauma surgery. Additional essential revisions include:

1. In the "Management" section (first paragraph), the authors have made reference to the 22% rate of major complications with tube thoracostomy. They reference this as ref #26. Unfortunately, it appears to be reference #27 on their list. Please correct this.

2. In the "Incidence" section (second paragraph), the authors mention unpublished work from Grady Memorial Hospital regarding OPTX incidence in penetrating injuries. This work is now formally published and should be appropriately referenced (Can J Surg 2010;53(4):251-255). Thank-you.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.