Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Naveed Siddiqui

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I congratulate the authors for a well written concise narration of literature entitled "Ultrasonographic identification of the cricothyroid membrane in a patient with a difficult airway as a result of cervical hematoma caused by hemophilia: a case report". The main objective of this case report is to highlight the benefit of using ultrasonographic examination in identifying the cricothyroid membrane in a 28-year-old man with a congenital hemophilia A after preparing to use the double standby method. The paper is generally well written, with a well-organized abstract, case presentation and discussion.

I believe it can be considered for publication, after "minor revisions" which are mentioned below:

1. Background section: I recommend providing additional information and evidence regarding:
   a. "misidentification of the cricothyroid membrane", which is a major cause of tube misplacement leading to cricothyroidotomy failures and serious complications.
   b. Inaccuracy of the cricothyroid membrane palpation by anesthesiologists.

2. Abstract section: I recommend using "cricothyroidotomy" instead of "cricothyrotomy" in the background section of abstract as you have used the word "cricothyroidotomy" all over the manuscript and also abstract, although both have the same meaning.
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