Reviewer’s report

Title: Ultrasound-guided identification of the cricothyroid membrane in a patient with a difficult airway: A case report

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Reviewer: iskander Maissan

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Dear authors,

Thanks for the opportunity to review your article.

As a fan of POCUS I've red your paper with great interest. I do have some questions about it.

Can you be more specific on the technic you've used to find the membrane? longitudinal scanning and sagittal identification or vice versa?

Can you think of any (solid) landmark in the neck that can be a starting point in any swollen neck to find the membrane? Are those the same in men and women?

Are there any limitations for this technique?

I can imagine if the neck is swollen because of subcutaneous emphysema ore by gas producing bacteria you won't see a thing with sonographic imaging!??!

Can you think of a role of sonography in the unpredicted difficult airway? If not it might also be worth mentioning I suppose!?

Happy new year!

Kind Regards

Iscander Maissan

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