Reviewer's report

Title: Post-traumatic epidural tension pneumocephalus: a case report

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Reviewer: Archie Defillo

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Do you believe the case report is authentic?: Yes

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Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: Yes

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: Yes

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Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:
Yes

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:

Post-traumatic tension pneumocephalus has been described by many in the past and under-reported by others that have experienced that situation. The true frequency is relatively unknown. Despite the location, the urgent management seems to be the same. If treated timely a full recovery is the norm. The only interesting element in this report is the association of a pre-existing mastoid mucocele contributing to the condition. In the absence of previous radiographic imaging, the intra-operative finding of the thinning of the skull suggests an underlying chronic condition. Although “new,” erosion of bony structures by the predisposition of a mucocele tension pneumocephalus could occur within any of the intracranial sinuses.

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Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?:Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

Yes

Additional comments to authors?:

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