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Dear Journal of Medical Case Reports,

Please consider our submitted manuscript “False negative pericardial FAST examination following cardiac rupture from blunt thoracic trauma: a case report” for publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports. This report is the first of its kind describing a survivor after a blunt cardiac rupture in the context of a false negative FAST exam secondary to a synchronous laceration of the adjacent pericardial wall. The pericardial window of a FAST exam is widely considered to be nearly perfect with regard to sensitivity and reliability. Uncommon scenarios such as our reported patient are crucial with regard to continuing education for any clinician who cares for critically injured patients and utilizes ultrasonography. As a result, we believe this manuscript will be of interest to emergency room physicians, intensivists and surgeons alike given the core if its importance and unique message.

Thank you in advance for you consideration and assistance.

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