Reviewer’s report

Title: False negative pericardial FAST examination following cardiac rupture from blunt thoracic trauma: a case report

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Reviewer: Marco Cei

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

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

no

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

yes

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

yes

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes

Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: No

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

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.: any

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?:

yes; this is a very rare case exceptionally treated

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

yes

Additional comments to authors?:

The Authors presented a very rare - if not unique - case, quickly diagnosed and exceptionally well treated in the context of a true emergency. The case is well described, clear and succinct, and easy to read. FAST ultrasound is increasingly used in ER, but physicians may not be aware of its limitations. I believe that many doctors will read with pleasure and interest this case, as I did, and I hope it will be helpful to the one who will face another so difficult case.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests