Reviewer’s report

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

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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

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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

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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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supported by the case presented?:
Yes

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

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

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Yes

Additional comments to authors?:
No further comments.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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