

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Uncommon Penetrating Cervical Wound by a Metallic Projectile in a Truck Driver : A Case Report

Recommendation:

Accept as it is.....YES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			√	
Techn. Quality			√	
Clarity			√	
Significance			√	

Reviewer's Name: Dr Aamina

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Abstract Evaluation:

The abstract is concise and effectively introduces the key elements of the case, highlighting the unusual nature of the injury, the anatomical implications, and the clinical importance of careful assessment. The mention of the C7 level and the associated vascular risks appropriately sets the tone for the clinical relevance of the case. The structured and factual presentation is appropriate for a case report.

Introduction Evaluation:

The introduction succinctly frames the significance of penetrating neck injuries, emphasizing their surgical urgency and potential fatal outcomes. The definition referencing platysma disruption is appropriately cited, and the emphasis on mortality risk in the prehospital setting underscores the importance of early recognition and response. The rationale for presenting this case—given its uncommon mechanism and location—is well established.

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Case Presentation Evaluation:

The case is clearly and logically presented, beginning with relevant patient demographics and followed by the mechanism of injury. The description of the incident is vivid and clinically informative, particularly in illustrating how an everyday occupational activity led to a high-velocity injury. The absence of critical symptoms (bleeding, dyspnea, dysphonia, dysphagia) upon presentation helps frame the paradox between the benign clinical appearance and potentially dangerous anatomical territory involved. The geographical reference to Zouerrat, Mauritania, adds contextual depth and could be significant in understanding access to care and occupational hazards in regional settings.

Clinical Significance and Observations:

The case report underscores a key clinical lesson—never to underestimate seemingly minor penetrating neck wounds, especially when caused by high-velocity metallic projectiles. The proximity to vital structures in Zone II/III of the neck and the retained foreign body demand careful radiological and clinical evaluation. The anatomical specificity, particularly the C7 level and lateral trajectory, emphasizes the importance of detailed imaging and a high index of suspicion for vascular or neurological involvement.

Structure and Language:

- The language is formal, precise, and medically appropriate.
 - Terminology is used correctly and professionally.
 - The narrative maintains a coherent flow, adhering to typical case report conventions (abstract, introduction, case presentation).
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Overall Assessment:

This is a well-documented and clinically relevant case report that highlights an unusual mechanism of injury with significant implications. It reinforces the importance of thorough assessment and multidisciplinary management in penetrating neck trauma. The content is well-structured, the writing is clear, and the case contributes meaningfully to clinical literature, especially in trauma, emergency medicine, and otolaryngology or neurosurgery contexts.