

Review of: "Comparison of Clinical and Radiological Diagnosis with Autopsy Findings in Fatal Traffic Accident Cases"

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I enjoyed reading the manuscript. It is well written. The topic is very relevant.

Some points could be emphasized even more precisely:

How many patients came to the hospital responsive (and were thus able to provide information on pain in specific areas of the body)?

How many patients died in the hospital before the clinical examination could be considered complete?

What information was available to the respective examiners at the time of the investigation (e.g., did the post-mortem examiners know the clinical findings)?

Did the autopsy always include dissection of the back and extremities? What about the spinal cord?

Can I assume that the face was almost never dissected for ethical reasons (which could explain the high discrepancy in favor of the clinical examination)?

Can you provide an explanation as to why the autopsy detected fewer pericardial injuries than the clinical examination?

This seems puzzling to me.