



Letter to the editor regarding Milchteim et al: "Subacromial dislocation of the acromioclavicular joint with associated fracture of the clavicle"

To the Editor:

We read with interest the article by Milchteim et al⁵ entitled "Subacromial dislocation of the acromioclavicular joint with associated fracture of the clavicle." We disagree with their assertion that "no case of combined midshaft clavicle fracture and subacromial AC [acromioclavicular] dislocation managed operatively has been reported" as we reported this injury in 2014,¹ referencing 2 previous cases of the same injury, both managed surgically,^{2,4} in addition to the nonoperatively managed case the authors have referenced.³ We do, however, agree with Milchteim et al that fixation of the clavicle in this injury obviates further AC joint stabilization. This is in contrast to the surgical stratagem used in the previously reported cases, in which the clavicle fracture was manipulated without fixation and the AC joint was surgically stabilized.

Milchteim et al⁵ also mirror our own sentiments in suggesting that care should be taken not to miss the AC joint injury in the presence of a clavicle fracture. Our own case was missed initially, as was the case reported by Koka and D'Arcy.⁴ In our patient, this delay led to a block to AC joint relocation by scar tissue, but once this was excised and the clavicle anatomically stabilized, the AC joint remained stable, as in the case of Milchteim et al.

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