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### **Late onset of extradural cervico-thoracic haematoma causing paraplegia after mild head injury**

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**Introduction:** Spinal lesion after head trauma are possible, also without radiological abnormalities (SCIWORA). We describe the case of a 12 years old boy who presented paraplegia 24 hours after mild head injury to the vertex.

**Methods:** A 12 years old boy reported mild head trauma striking the vertex of the skull against a shelf. No neurological deficits were present after the trauma. Nearly 24 hours after the trauma the boy presented progressive paraplegia. CT scan and MRI demonstrated extradural spinal haematoma extending from C6 to T2. No other bone lesions or ligamentous lesions.

**Results:** A posterior laminectomy was performed with good recovery of the neurological status.

**Conclusion:** Spinal injury could happen in severe trauma in infant due to laxity of spinal ligaments, mainly in the cervical tract. A spinal injury is not so common after a mild head trauma in the childhood. Early diagnosis and early treatment of the cause of the injury is mandatory to achieve better results.