Reviewer's report

**Title:** Intraluminal instillation of urokinase and autologous plasma: a method to unblock occluded central venous ports

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**General**

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**Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)** The authors should describe their "routine" procedure for clearing catheter occlusions. How many times had this procedure failed before the new technique was tried in the five cases reported? Were the successes simply the result of repeated efforts, rather than a change in technique? Did the new technique ever fail? Make clear that these were withdrawal occlusions, not blockage of infusion.

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**Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)** Many errors in wording.

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**Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)**

**What next?**: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

**Level of interest**: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English**: Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review**: No