Reviewer’s report

Title: The Belsey Mark IV: An operation with an enduring role in the management of complicated hiatal hernia.

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Markakis et al. present an interesting and well written manuscript. Belsey Mark IV is under certain circumstances a very useful operation for surgical therapy of hiatal hernia. Today laparoscopic operations have become the standard for this indication and the thoracic approaches to hiatal hernia more and more fall into oblivion. Nevertheless Belsey Mark IV remains an interesting option in some difficult cases. The authors demonstrate Belsey Mark IV operation with technique and indications. All in all it is a useful contribution.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.