Reviewer's report

Title: Healing of Bronchopleural Fistula using a modified Dumon stent: a Case report

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Reviewer: Vipin Zamvar

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General:
The authors have described the use of modified Y Dumon stent along with biological glue to deal with a bronchopleural fistula that appeared 10 months after extra-pleural pneumonectomy for mesothelioma. They were able to deal with the fistula successfully using this approach.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached):
The authors state that the right arm of the Y was shortened and closed with a silicone patch. They must describe this in more detail.

There are many problems with the language used. These will need to be corrected before the article can be considered for publication. For eg: Section Case Presentation: "The negative cultures from the pleural fluid allowed us to remove the chest drainage and to ...". "drain" should replace "drainage".

Conclusions: "The biologic glue to treat bronchopleural fistulas has been widely used, and its efficacy has been demonstrated". This sentence could be changed to "Biologic glue has been used to treat bronchopleural fistulas, and its efficacy has been demonstrated"

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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)

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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