Reviewer’s report

Title: Interventional Bronchoscopy for Benign Tracheobronchial Diseases under Cardiopulmonary Bypass Support: Case Reports and Literature Review

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions: With the exception of the first patient (age 56 years) who had to be put on CP Bypass on an emergency life saving basis, did the second patient (age 53 years) where in the CP Bypass was put on stand by undergo cardiac evaluation (especially for possible coronary artery disease evaluation like 2-D Echocardiography, Coronary angiography) before he was taken up for airway stenting?

2. Minor essential revision: “Department” to be deleted from “Department of Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology”

3. Discretionary Revisions: It would add to the article’s academic excellence if one could review the literature regarding how many times the CP Bypass was used and also how many times it was kept stand by. When it was used were there any morbidity or mortality directly related to the use of CP Bypass?

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

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable