Reviewer's report

**Title:** Intrathoracic Fire During Preparation of the Left Internal Thoracic Artery for Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting

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**Reviewer:** Ardawan Rastan

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This case report presented by Friedrich and coworkers is a well written and interesting case of intraoperative fire during LIMA preparation under 100% oxygen ventilation. The case report is added by a short literature overview of all major reported intraoperative fire events.

Intraoperative fires are rarely reported in the literature, but the incidence might be underestimated. One reason might be that intraoperative fires suggest a surgical or management mistake. However, this report demonstrate the risk of unexpected fire even in appropriately managed patients.

This case report is sufficient regarding language and style and give a list of all major reports on intraoperative fire. My suggestions is therefore to accept the manuscript without revision.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.