Reviewer’s report

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

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The paper of Friedrich M. et. al, is an interesting case report about a rare event in the surgical operation-field. I always wondered if a surgical fire is possible, in the presence of inflammable vaporized anaesthesia drugs, oxygen, air leak from the lung, (what is common in the thoracic surgery) and electrocautery. It seems to be a dangerous combination and this paper demonstrates this beyond every doubt. Figures 1, 3, 4 and Table 1, don’t add any value to the paper and can be excluded.

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