Reviewer’s report

Title: Oesophageal Perforation: A diagnostic and therapeutic challenge in a resource limited setting. A report of three cases

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1. No major compulsory revisions

2. Minor essential Revisions
i/ the choice of antibiotics used should be specified to inform readers

ii/ the institution of the feeding gastrostomy is not well elaborated. The authors should shed more light on why the waited for the fever to subside before setting up the gastrostomy, how were the patients fed before this and did fever present a contraindication

iii/ given these are cases from a resource poor setting, it would help to know the choice of the feeding tube and composition of feed given

iv/ gastrostomy can be instituted under local anesthesia

v/ the sequence of the events in tyhe management needs to be reviewed to suit the usual case summary sequence of history, findings, investigations, treatment and follow up

vi/ the duration of symptoms before the cases were seen is not clearly stated especially in case 1 and 2.

3, discretionary reviews

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.