Reviewer's report

Title: Efficacy of the absorbable polyglycolic acid patch in surgery for pneumothorax originated by pneumosilicosis

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The whole paper needs editing concerning English language, as in its current format it is very hard to read and understand
2. The authors should better describe their technique to apply the PGA patches either during open or thoracoscopic surgery. If images are available, they can supply the Methods and Materials section of their manuscript
3. The 1st paragraph of the results section could be replaced to a large degree by a single Table.
4. Tables 1 and 2 seem unnecessary as simply duplicate the text.
5. Alternative ways to reinforce suture or stapler lines in lung surgery are not discussed within the discussion section of the manuscript
6. The manufacturer of PGA patches do not appear in the text and has to be added
7. How the authors made the decision to proceed with PGA patch application or not in their patients?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests to declare.