Reviewer's report

Title: A Novel Approach to Control Air Leaks in Complex Lung Surgery: A Retrospective Review

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Reviewer: K. Adam Lee

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Compulsory Revisions:
Progel FDA approved for thoracotomy approach, off label at this current time for the VATS approach.

Use of Progel during decortications, was sealant used in patients with empyemas and active infection

would like to see the endpoint data more specific to the resection types for comparisons: ie wedge vs wedge, lobectomy vs lobectomy

discuss cost of sealant vs control population, and is one or two vials utilized

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have received fees from Neomend