Reviewer’s report

Title: Retained drains causing a bronchoperitoneal fistula: a case report

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Reviewer: George Chatzoulis

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

REVIEW OF BRONCHOPERITONEAL FISTULA

It is an interesting case in its field:

Major revision A, Previous surgery. Please clarify the previous surgical management. Did the patient have diaphragm perforation or ruptured because of the gunshot wound, that improperly treated? If so please state the possibility of this entity to concur to the abscess and fistula formation.

B. Present surgery:

1. Analyze the high-frequency oscillatory ventilation (HFOV) parameters you used (for example amplitude, inspiratory time, frequency, mean airway pressure. Compare the efficacy of these parameters with bibliographic ones in fistula treatment.
2. State alternative bibliographic conservative or surgical ways to treat such fistulas.

3. Did the authors perform any bronchoscopy to establish the diagnosis? If no just refer this or other diagnostic ways (radioisotope etc) in Discussion chapter.

2. Please justify also the treatment of duodenal injury (traversing) Why the authors perform duodenojejunostomy in a septic environment and no a T-tube duodenostomy. Was there a leakage after this anastomosis? Did they insert new abdominal drains postop?

Minor Revisions: Reference must be written according to JMCR reference style.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'