Reviewer's report

**Title:** Endoscopic Application of n-Butyl-2 Cyanoacrylate (Histoacryl) on Oesophagojejunal Anastomotic Leak: Report of a Case.

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**Reviewer:** Graham Branagan

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors report the novel use of Histoacryl to repair an oesophagojejunal anastomotic leak. There is a previous report in the literature of the use of a prolene plug and cyanoacrylate to repair a large upper GI anastomotic leak and this should be acknowledged and referenced (Disibeyaz et al. Endoscopy 2005). However, this report remains of value in describing another therapeutic option in these patients.

I have several minor comments:

1) Use of the term 'hazy' to describe the contents of the drain fluid is perhaps not the best choice of word

2) Third line from the bottom of page 3 should read 'However, the leak PERSISTED'.
3) The timeline of postoperative events is unclear. At what point was the decision made to apply Histoacryl and what was the length of stay after this?

4) The text could be made more readable by improving the flow of the English.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests