Reviewer’s report

Title: Seroma suppression in mastectomy patients - a case report using TissuGlu

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Application of a newly developed product to a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: No

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?: 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 describe an interesting case in which a newly developed adhesive, TissuGlu, was applied to an intractable seroma after mastectomy.

I have some comments that hopefully improve the manuscript.

General
1. There are numerous typos and grammar errors within the text that requires a thorough proofreading (e.g. p3, 8th line from the bottom, p4, 12th and 17th line, 3rd line from the bottom, p5, 3rd and 5th line).
Introduction
2. In addition to obesity and smoking, increased age could be a risk factor of seroma formation (Ann Plast Surg. 2007 Aug;59(2):149-51.). Please mention it in the text.

Case presentation
3. (p3, 14th line from the bottom) Abbreviation of “breast conserving surgery” is not necessary.
4. (p3, 15th line) The amount of time should be used instead of dates.
5. The authors should describe when seroma formation occurred after the initial revision surgery. Also, a follow-up period of 4 weeks seems too short to confirm the validity of the glue.
6. Description of the re-revision surgery using TissuGlu is not enough. Intraoperative photographs or a schema would be helpful for readers to understand how the authors applied the glue.
7. If possible, pre-and postoperative photographs or CT images should be presented.

Discussion
8. (p4, 12th line) Abbreviation of “progressive tension suture” should be defined when it first appears (p3, 12th line ).

References
9. Years are missing in ref. 3, 5, and 6

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that there is no competing interests in relation to the paper. Also, I agree to open peer review.