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Although this is a small series of patients it has been well documented and represents an increasingly important method of managing a difficult post-operative complication. In discussion the authors make much of the increased duration of treatment in patients who have undergone neo-adjuvant treatment and those with a larger anastomotic defect. Neither of these characteristics are discretionary and consequently it is meaningless to over emphasise their importance. Impaired wound healing following radiotherapy has been extensively reported previously. My preference would be a revision of the discussion to decrease reference to neo-adjuvant therapy and size of defect and an expanded description of the technical aspects of delivery of endo-vac therapy.

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