Reviewer’s report

Title: Endoscopic vacuum therapy for postoperative esophageal leak

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Reviewer: Tim Bright

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The authors have made a sound effort in addressing the reviewer concerns. There are some minor grammatical issues e.g. "Nasogastric tube is inserted via the nose and brought out through the mouth. After cutting distal part of tube leaving a few side holes, polyurethane sponge is sutured to the tip of the tube. Trimming of the sponge is also required according to the size of cavity. The sponge size needed to be smaller than the wound cavity to promote collapse and subsequent closure of the fistula. The sponge can be inserted into the wound cavity using a grasping forceps and snare." could be edited but the paper otherwise outlines significant experience with a useful technique

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