Reviewer's report

Title: Endoscopic vacuum therapy for postoperative esophageal leak

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Reviewer: George Kiroff

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This is a large consecutive series of patients treated with vacuum dressings after an oesophageal anastomotic leak. As this is a relatively new treatment the results will be of interest to readers. Despite the author's revisions it remains unclear how the decision is made to apply EVAC. Is this simply arbitrary, when there appears to be no progress with conservative treatment? Was EVAC considered in patients treated conservatively? Has the use of this modality increased with increasing experience?

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