Reviewer’s report

Title: Trans-hiatal Repair for Oesophageal and Junctional Perforation: A Case Series

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Reviewer: Eric Goudie

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This case series presents an interesting option for the management of selected cases of esophageal perforations. The article is concise and well written. I have a few questions the authors can address in the revised version of the manuscript:

1. The algorithm presented seems to select cases that may be amenable to endoscopic treatment with suture placement +/- pleural drainage. Can the authors identify how they differentiate cases that would preferably be treated with the suggested technique vs endoscopic treatment? Which cases are better for endoscopic treatment and which cases are surgical candidates?

2. The operative time was 180 minutes for 2 cases and 300 minutes for one case. The operative time seems a bit long compared to the surgeries that were described. Can the authors point out the difficulties and challenges associated with this technique? What were the steps that increased surgical time the most?

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