Reviewer’s report

Title: Visceral subpleural hematoma of the left diaphragmatic surface following left upper division segmentectomy

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This is a very attractive case report on a rare post-operative complication, which certainly adds interesting information to the literature. The clinical presentation of this case is very unusual particularly because of the cystic appearance at imaging studies. Small visceral subpleural haematomas can sometimes be observed during surgery in patients with antiplatelet therapy or oral anticoagulation due to superficial lung lacerations without pleural defects. The huge subpleural airspace in the presented case suggests a spontaneous subpleural parenchymal rupture and secondary subpleural bleeding in an anticoagulated patient. The therapeutic approach with initial interventional drainage seems very reasonable and I wonder, why it has not been successful. Surgery of course was the second option and proved to be a good choice. However, I wonder whether it would have been sufficient to just remove the peel of the visceral pleura and simply leave the naked lung surface open without the need of a running suture of the diaphragmatic surface of the lower lobe. Maybe simple sealing of the raw surface with haemostatic fleece would have done the job. Maybe you could add a little comment on that issue.

Congratulations to a very attractive case report!

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