Reviewer's report

Title: Repair of injured right inferior pulmonary vein during mitral valve replacement

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The authors report a very rare complication (injury to the right inferior pulmonary vein) during mitral valve replacement because of heavy retraction for better exposure of the mitral valve. The manuscript is well written. The information coming from the reported case is useful.

Minor essential revisions:
1. I think the readers would like to know the exact kind of retractor-s used for MV exposure.
2. In the introduction section of the manuscript the appropriate references are missing, after the end of the 1st paragraph (if such references exist)
3. "Our case" section of the manuscript: correct by "77-year old" or "77 years old"

Discretionary revisions:
1. I wonder if a right lower lobectomy could be another option to solve the problem instead of a complex repair of the pulmonary vein - I mean in patients where preoperative spirometry allows to proceed with pulmonary parenchyma resection. If yes, a comment could be added in the discussion.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests