Reviewer’s report

Title: Natural air leak test without submergence for spontaneous pneumothorax

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Reviewer: Shuji Haraguchi

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I recommended that the present article should be accepted after some minor revisions about the following points.

1) I agreed with the technique they revised for checking air leak was reasonable. However, the authors described postoperative recurrence rate of 20% even though staple line coverage was performed in about 80% of their old and new series. The authors should comment about the high recurrence rate of spontaneous pneumothorax.

2) English check by Native speaker is desirable.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.