Reviewer's report

Title: En bloc Extended Total Thymectomy and Extrapleural Pneumonectomy in Masaoka stage IVA Thymomas

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The article by Hee Chul Yang et al about extra-pleural pneumonectomy in stage IVA thymomas is an excellent and well written paper on a challenging disease. Despite it is a small series this is one of most prominent single institution experience on extrapleural pneumonectomy for advanced stage thymoma and the follow-up is as long as necessary to draw conclusions. Obviously there are some limitations related to the fact that is a retrospective study, done in a long time period, with a selection bias related to the surgical indication. However these are the limits of all the studies concerning the treatment of advanced stage thymomas.

The description of the results is clear as well as the conclusions are reasonable. In any case the results achieved by the authors are outstanding and I would like to congratulate the authors for their hard work and contribution.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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