Reviewer's report

Title: The feasibility of axial and coronal combined imaging using multi detector row computed tomography for the diagnosis and treatment of pneumothorax

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1. Detail explanation of the location of ELC - MC
2. How to identify and resect the ELC using axillary thoracotomy, especially in collapsed lung and limited vision. Description of detail operative procedure. -MC
3. The definition of combined view and figure if possible - MC
4. The accuracy of all views and direct inspection. detail explanation of each numbers using calculate accuracy -MC
5. Let the numbers in phrase of body identify with the numbers in Table 2 -ME
6. Ninety -> Ninty –ME
7. Cranico- -> Cranio- ME
8. What is the meaning of “seventeen percent” in “Seventeen percent of all ELCs were~~~” -MC
9. Fig 2a,2b ?? ME
10. I think high recurrence in VATS associate with unidentified and unresected emphysematous lesion and newly developed bullae on stapled line as author. But, only increased accuracy of detection of ELC is the factor of decreased VATS recurrence is too impatient conclusion - DR

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.