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Cover Letter

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Vipin Zamvar and David Taggart
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Dear Editors:

I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled “Cox-Maze III procedure with valvular surgery in an autopneumonectomized patient: a case report” for publication in Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery as a case report.

This case report describes the first case, to our knowledge, of an autopneumonectomized patient who successfully underwent a modified Cox-Maze III procedure combined with valvular repairs. This was an unusual and difficult case since the patient had only a single functional lung—a condition that can lead to anatomical and physiological changes that interfere with cardiac surgeries. Based on our findings from a literature review, as well as our own experience, we make several suggestions for achieving satisfactory surgery outcomes in other patients with a similar condition.

We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety, and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review boards. All the authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to your esteemed journal. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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