Reviewer’s report


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The authors present an interesting series of patients undergoing thoracoscopic plication of the diaphragm. The authors compare a group of patients undergoing surgery with two ports and a single port. I do not think a valid comparison can be made between the two groups since they were sequential. this ignores the learning curve bias which is supported by the fact that the second group of patients had a shorter operative time.

The authors should comment on the fact that all the plications were performed on the left side which can be easier than the right.

The authors should mention the etiologies of the need for plication.

Do the authors have any subjective or objective data on the condition of the patients before or after plication?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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