Reviewer’s report

Title: Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Resection of a Giant Bulla in Vanishing Lung Syndrome and a Short Literature Review

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Reviewer: Jan De Raet

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well written case report with interesting facts for the readers

Minor essential revisions:
1. abstract: - change "thoracoscopy" into "thoracic surgery"
   - spelling error: Aditionally
2. background: last sentence: omit "video...scopy", only use "VATS"
3. case report: - idem as in background: use only "VATS"
   - add SI-units in blood gas results
   - Covidien: add manufacturing city/country etc.
   - Where exactly was the stripping performed?
   - write: - "complaints"
   - "auscultation and spirometry were..."
   - Champix: add manufacturer, country.
4. discussion: - change "thorascopy-clamps" into "endo-clamps"
   - write: ...base of the giant bulla...
   - change "bronchioles" into "lung tissue"
5. conclusion: - "non-invasive VATS" is not correct. Surgery is always invasive.
   please write instead: "minimal invasive approach"
   - change "pleurevac" into "chest tube".

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.