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According to the recommendation of The International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG), surgical resection of anything less than a complete thymectomy is considered inappropriate at this time except in the context of a clinical trial. Therefore, limited thymectomy may be not appropriate for thymoma resection. However, there is little evidence that mandates surgeons perform complete thymectomy for patients without myasthenia gravis. Leaving aside propriety of our policy for thymoma resection, we think that this study might have significance in that there have been few studies comparing outcomes according to the extent of thymus resection.

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