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Title: Hybrid video-assisted thoracoscopic surgical lobectomy of fissureless congenital cystic adenomatoid malformation: a case report

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Dear Editors,

We submit herewith a case report titled “Hybrid video-assisted thoracoscopic surgical lobectomy of fissureless congenital cystic adenomatoid malformation” for consideration for publication in *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

Thoracoscopic lobectomy for congenital pulmonary airway malformations (CPAM) has been indicated from the neonatal period to adolescence, though adhesions and absent interlobar fissures make the technique difficult.

We performed hybrid VATS lobectomy in a girl presenting with pneumonia. MDCT and CT pulmonary angiography gave us helpful information before operation. We confirmed that the left A 4+5 artery arose from the left pulmonary artery medial to A6. The left pulmonary artery was divided just proximal to the A6 origin before the lobes were separated. We took advantage of using a stapler to divide the fissureless thick parenchyma.

Our report should be of particular interest to the readers of *Journal of Medical Case Reports*. This manuscript has been reviewed and approved by all authors and represents original work which does not infringe upon any copyright or other proprietary right. None of the data contained in this manuscript have been previously published or submitted for publication to any other journal.

Thank you very much for considering this manuscript for publication in *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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