Reviewer’s report

Title: Robotic transthoracic esophagectomy

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1: the table 1 is missing!!

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1: in the results: “a total 19 of incidents were reported…” is not so clear, you may write it as “ a total of 19 complication were reported in these patients”.

- Discretionary Revisions
  1: were there some reoperations? How did you treat all the postoperative complications? A more detailed discussion could be interesting.
  2: you reported a site port metastasis: after which time the patient developed it?
  3: in the discussion you stress the concept of the learning curve: the data you report are very interesting; all the patients were operated by only one surgeon or more than one?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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