Author’s response to reviews

Title: Subxiphoid vs transthoracic approach thoracoscopic surgery for spontaneous pneumothorax: a propensity score-matched analysis

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Dear editor,

Thanks for hearing back from you.

The following information regarding manuscript "Subxiphoid vs transthoracic approach thoracoscopic surgery for spontaneous pneumothorax: a propensity score-matched analysis" (BSUR-D-19-00028):

- Preoperative data such as weight, height were added; the exclusion criteria were a history of lung diseases, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma.

- Because of it is a retrospective study, no relevant data of postoperative pain are available now.

- The information on postoperative complications (bleeding etc) is in the manuscript.

- As advancements in uniportal subxiphoid thoracoscopic surgery instruments and the accumulation of further surgical experience, uniportal subxiphoid thoracoscopic surgery may provide an alternative surgical technique for patients with spontaneous pneumothorax in selected cases, especially for bilateral surgery.
During left sided procedures, compression of the instruments on the pericardium had resulted in transient arrhythmias in the learning curve period. As experienced in this procedure, we applied a sternal lifter to overcome this problem.

On the 8-th page, it has been corrected for "than transthoracic" instead of subxiphoid.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best wishes,

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