Author’s response to reviews

Title: Two-port Approached Thoracoscopic Carina Reconstruction Using Natural Bronchial Bifurcation

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Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1: Can't be case report

Respond to Reviewer #1: Thanks for the kind remind. This new method introduced in this manuscript is first reported in the world. It provides a new surgical therapeutic thought for this challenging operation. Although it is difficult to perform a clinical research in large samples, we are sincerely looking forward to sharing this new method to other thoracic surgeons.

Reviewer #2: This is an interesting case-study describing a new surgical technique for central airway surgery. The manuscript is written concisely. Language is good. To increase the intelligibility of the paper:

- please describe in the intraoperative airway management in more detail
- please indicate anatomical structures in Fig. 3
- please show fotos of incisions since you claim a minimal invasive approach

Respond to Reviewer #2: Thank you for your kind advises! The intraoperative airway management was described with more details on page 5 of the revised manuscript. We have put necessary indications in Fig. 3 for anatomical structures. Due to the lack of space in manuscript,
we added the photo of minially invasive incisions in Supplements document. This photo was taken on the operation day by Wenjie Jiao.