Reviewer's report

Title: Deeper wedge resection and parenchymal-sparing bronchoplasty of the secondary carina: an alternative surgical technique for removal of tumor located at the orifice of upper lobar bronchus

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Reviewee's report:

This is a case report on a lung sparing bronchoplastic intervention in a 33 years old patient with a local recurrence after incomplete bronchoscopic resection of a mucoepidermoid carcinoma in the right main stem bronchus. The tumour was involving the secondary carina between the right mainstem and upper lobe bronchus. The surgery was carried out by wedge resection of the affected bronchus, frozen section and bronchoplastic reconstruction. The paper is well written and the procedure sufficiently explained. I congratulate the authors to their success in this particular case however I would rather opt for a complete bronchial sleeve resection and reanastomosis in the upper lobe for less tension at the suture line. However, the described technique may be useful in selected cases. I somewhat disagree with the comment, that bronchoplastic procedures generally and in the area of the right upper lobe bronchus would be associated with high mortality and morbidity. Please add more recent literature.

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