Reviewer’s report

Title: Minimally Access via Left Anterior Mini-Thoracotomy for Repair of Adult Subarterial Ventricular Septal Defects

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Thank you for providing me with the manuscript to review. IN that submission from China, the authors report 27 consecutive patients who underwent minimally invasive subarterial VSD repair. The incisions varied between women (vertical) and men (horizontal).

The paper is straightforward and well written. I have two comments:

1- The authors should describe their inclusion and exclusion criteria. Any anatomic, size, age, associated lesion considerations that would exclude patients from this approach.

2- The authors should focus their discussion more on this approach and their thoughts about this approach rather than discussing irrelevant publications from others.

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