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I would like to begin by expressing the authors' acknowledgements for the devoted time and valuable factual, stylistic and language remarks. Authors of the said article fully agree with the Reviewers comments.
Having familiarized themselves with the Reviewers remarks, the authors used their best efforts to add missing elements by providing among others more information about inclusion criteria, anesthesia data. Language of the work was corrected.

The authors expressed their opinion on the factual remarks of the Editor and resolved any doubts related thereto.

The study involved 2 groups of patients, each consisting of 30 patients. The amount of patients was limited due to the duration of the study, although the results of this study will be useful in establishment of postoperative pain management in patients undergoing posterolateral thoracotomy.

Some additional informations related to Table 1 has been added in section Methods. In accordance with the Reviewers suggestions, graphs were changed into tables. More information about a additional pain relievers has been folded in.

PVB group included 3 patients with malignant mesothelioma. Only one patient had pleurectomy, two other patients had explorative thoracotomy.

Conclusions has been changed.

The approval from the Ethics Committee is present in methods section.

The said complements and remarks were included in the corrected article.

Being aware of the work's restrictions, authors of the article used their best efforts to fulfill the requirements applicable for scientific articles published in Your journal. Having taken into account the Editor's remarks, acting in my own name and in the name of the remaining authors, I would like to kindly request publication of the said work in Your journal.

Best regards

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