Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Uniportal versus multiportal video-assisted thoracoscopic anatomical resection for NSCLC: a meta-analysis

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**Reviewer:** Jacob Bergsland

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The authors have written a useful article based on a meta-analysis including more than 3000 patients to compare multiple vs single port VATS for resection of long cancer. The results, maybe as anticipated, did not show any differences in the parameters evaluated.

**Comments**
1) The tables in Fig 2 and 3 reads very poorly and must be revised
2) I think the authors rightly point out that single port is usually adopted by surgeons who are already well trained multiport surgeons, making them more experienced than the multiport surgeons? I assume that the authors do not have data on experience-level in the two procedures.
3) Were there any other measurements that could have been included, like cosmetic result?
4) Do the articles include any selection criteria for the two procedures that should be analyzed?
5) Can the authors make some comments about potential advantages and disadvantages of the two methods?
6) Does there exist in the papers any data about cost of the disposable equipment necessary?

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