

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A:

Comment #1: *Larger series should be described to establish clear safety.*

Changes in the article: In the part of Discussion we included from our 2011 article summarizing the previous experience of using VATS in 1674 patients.

Reviewer B:

Comment #2: Rewrite discussion and introduction to follow the international standards; report patient demographics, pain score should be via validated questionnaire and medical photography should have a plain background.

Changes in the article: We rewrote discussion and introduction, included patient demographics, and changed patient photos. The only thing that cannot be done at the moment is to replace the questionnaire, because the investigation was completed in 2018.

Reviewer C:

Comment #3: Operative technique need to be detailed. Intraoperative photos of the dissection procedures, photos of dissected vessels, and incision sites will be necessary. How long does it take for the dissection procedure?

Changes in the article: We describe operative technique in more detail, included intraoperative photos, photos of dissected vessels, and incision sites will be necessary. We included details about duration of vessel dissection stage, as well as the duration of whole surgery.

Comment #4: More detailed patients' demographics such as age, type and incision for mastectomy, and immediate or delayed reconstructions will be necessary.

Changes in the article: We included patients' demographics and data about surgeries in the part of Methods.

Comment #5: Quality of the Figure 1. need to be improved (no background).

Changes in the article: We changed photos.

Comment #6: What is possible complications of video-thoracoscope?

Changes in the article: We described possible complications in detail.

Reviewer D:

Comment #7: Don't write too much historical information in the introduction; it's common knowledge and not essential for your message.

Changes in the article: We rewrote introduction.

Comment #8: Include pictures of the mastectomy site with the vessels prepared. Include a table with patient demographic data and include more detailed info about the procedure: time, materials used.

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Comment #9: I would also let a native English speaking person review your manuscript as there are more than a few grammatical and spelling errors.

Changes in the article: Article was checked for English grammar by Editage. The certificate of English Editing will be attached to readmission files.