

## **Current role of uniportal video assisted thoracic surgery for lung cancer treatment**

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Yours sincerely,

Felipe Couñago  
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Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: The review is a narrative piece of work describing the evolution, current status and perspectives of uniportal VATS. As the review is not systematic, the paper assumes a role of addressing the technique to readers that might want know how to approach lung cancer using a single port VATS. Referencing is abundant and appropriate in each paragraph even though some chapters are not such as position, instrumentation, set up... in which much reference is not available for obvious reason. The paper could be of certain interest and covers of the aspects in which uniportal VATS could be used and how it could be initiated even for beginners. tips for neophytes are of sure benefit, the educational purpose is basic but evident. In some parts of the text, language should be revised, gramma also, due to the nature of the paper: i.e. terms like "clearly demonstrated", "supports the evidence" should be avoided. More mild terms are suggested

Reviewer #2: Thank you for your paper.

All of us are expecting for new data about sublobar resections and more evidence of benefits of UniVATS.

That's a good review about the UniVATS technique but I have to do some appreciations:

- 1.- Could you give specific data about MLND, time of surgery, reconversion percentages and other important items of UniVATS vs multiportVATS or RATS even vs open surgery?
- 2.- Do you think UniVATS have something bad, like uncomfortable assistant or bad access to important hilar structures in emergency situations?
- 3.- Have you study costs of UniVATS vs open surgery vs RATS?

Some questions for, in my opinion, a difficult technique which need lot of training and do it with experienced surgeons.

Thank you.

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Thank you for submitting your work to JCTR.

Kindest regards,

Felipe Couñago  
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