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Dear editor,

Please find attached files of revised manuscript in word format

**Title: The Efficacy of Thoracoscopic Anatomical Segmentectomy for Small Pulmonary Nodules**

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First of all, thank you for your careful guidance of this article. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

**Reviewer: 03226068**

Various factors contribute to the formation of nodules: benign nodules are generally caused by inflammation, tuberculosis, bleeding. Malignant nodules are primary lung cancer or lung metastasis of malignant tumors. Epidemiology suggests that the incidence of small pulmonary nodules has increased in recent years with declining air quality. The safety and efficacy of the thoracoscopic lobectomy method has been proven in treating small pulmonary nodules, which is less invasive with rapid postoperative recovery. Some researchers suggest that lobe can be divided into segments, and therefore more normal tissues can be preserved during segment resection and operative injury can be reduced, which is called anatomical segmentectomy. The authors evaluated the efficacy of this surgical method for small pulmonary nodules in this study. Medical records of 86 patients with small pulmonary nodules are retrospectively analyzed. The methods are described in detail. The inclusion and exclusion criteria are reasonable and very clear. Results are good, and interesting. Comments: The manuscript is overall well written, however, a minor language editing is required. The tables also require an editing. The subtitles in the discussion should be removed.

**Reviewer: 03226069**

Very interesting study of the efficacy of thoracoscopic anatomical

segmentectomy for small pulmonary nodules. This study is well designed and the results are very good. Discussion seems too long. I suggest to short it.

Thank you for your advice.

After receiving the comments, we read the article carefully and found some small loopholes in the language of the article and made modifications. I have cut the discussion part and removed the subtitles. And I moved the chart to the end of the article and made changes.

According to the suggestion, we changed the relavant description.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely Yours,

Bao-Cun Ling