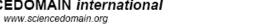
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PART 1: Review Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | Major points Thymectomy is a frequently used treatment for MG. However, the evidence for thymectomy in non-thymomatous MG remains less certain—no randomised controlled trials have been published to date, although one is currently underway even in adult. 1. As clinical research study, the number of patients is too few to indicate clinical evidence. I think that they had better increase the number further. 2. I also agree that it is difficult to perform randomised controlled trials. Thus, in case of retrospective study like this study is conducted, they had better perform case-control study that compare cases to controls, which presence statistical significant difference (using log-rank test or Cox regression analysis). 3. If that (abovementioned) is difficult, they had better improve analysis in more details. Please refer to the attached reference. * Cheng C, Liu Z, Xu F, Deng Z, Feng H, Lei Y, Zou J, Yeung SC. Clinical outcome of juvenile myasthenia gravis after extended transsternal thymectomy in a Chinese cohort. Ann Thorac Surg. 2013 Mar;95(3):1035-41. | |
| Minor REVISION comments | Nothing in particular Clarify the ethical issue: In Patients and Methods: The statement is needed as below. | |

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| | The study was conducted with the approval of the ethics committee at our institution. | |
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| Optional/General comments | It is very difficult to proof this evidence based medicine. At present, many researchers try to do, but a conclusion has not been reached concerning this matter. However, I think that thymectomy for MG is generally safe and well tolerated and is associated with a sustained improvement of symptoms in the majority of patients as well as them. | |

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