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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your kind positive response and asking us to revise the above manuscript. The manuscript has now been completely re-written as advised by the reviewers. We thank the reviewers for their highly encouraging and useful comments which have helped us to improve our manuscript. All changes made in the manuscript are highlighted by yellow color to facilitate the review process. The answers to the reviewers' comments are as follows:

1. Reviewer's code: 03518722

Comments:

Dear author. I read your paper with interest. I think that you discussed extremely rare a case in your paper and it can contribute in trauma literature. **1)** Despite this, you may want to add first CT of chest views. You only added CT of vertebra. **2)** Similarly, You can add a final conclusion sentence on end of paper. Thank you.

Answers to comments:

Thank you for this highly encouraging comment.

1. The first chest CT scan image was added as requested (Fig 1 B).
2. A final conclusion has been added as requested (Page 8, last paragraph).

2. Reviewer's code: 00214274

Comments:

This clinical case is on a rare complication of thoracic trauma. *The case is well described* and I have only few remarks on the manuscript. General comments: This case is interesting and the data are clearly related, however, **1)** a native speaker should review it, in its present form some part of the text can be confusing. Specific comments: **2)** Abstract: You stated, "when chyle accumulates in the pleural cavity it may cause immunological complications". This is only true for prolonged high volume chylothorax and most unlikely to be the case for acute chylothorax. Same remark in the Introduction section, **3)** furthermore Ref cited (5-7) are not on this topic. **4)** Case Report You stated "bacteriological culture and sensitivity of the fluid was negative" What

do you mean by sensitivity? 5) Discussion Your remark on the quality of chest X Ray is useless and should be remove. 6) “CT scan showed a paravertebral haematoma explaining the chyle leakage” Could you comment on this statement?

Answers to comments:

Thank you for these highly encouraging comments.

1. The paper has now been revised by a native English speaker as advised.
2. The statement on immunological effects has been removed both in the abstract and introduction as advised.
3. We thank the reviewer for his comment. I have reviewed the papers. Reference 7 was omitted from this citation while reference 5 is properly cited (Page 4, first paragraph).
4. The word sensitivity applies for antibiotic sensitivity. The word sensitivity was omitted because the culture was anyway negative (Page 5, Second Paragraph).
5. Remarks on quality of Chest X-ray have been removed as requested.
6. This statement has now been clarified as requested (Page 7, First Paragraph)

Finally, I hope that our response will satisfy the reviewers and that this article will find a place in your reputable journal.

Best regards

Yours Sincerely

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