

Q. It's worth mentioning that with regard to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), though the pathogen also belongs to the coronaviridae family and even shares great similarities in clinical symptoms to COVID-19, its incidence of developing SPM was significantly higher (ranging from 7% to 12%) revealed by researches set in Hong Kong [9-10], suggesting a separate pathophysiologic mechanism for pneumomediastinum induced by SARS-CoV-2 that requires further investigation This is a very interesting point and I would suggest to comment it deeply Due to the growing evidence about clinical presentation of COVID 19 disease please check again database to find if someone else reported a similar case presentation and included in discussion. This would improve the strength of the manuscript.

[Response] We appreciate the reviewer's positive comments. To deeply comment the underlying pathogenic mechanisms that may explain the different ratios of developing SPM between SRAS and COVID-19, we had searched relevant reviews then found the mutations of proteins may be the root, and as the reviewer suggested, there do exist a case presentation that had reported a patient of SARS complicating with SPM presenting as occult ECG changes; we had added these text into the Discussion part in our manuscript.

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[Response] We appreciate the reviewer's efforts to carefully review this paper. A total of 5 authors contributed. Kong N is the first author of the case report. Kong N finished manuscript draft; Gao C did literature search; Xu MS completed data interpretation; Zhou CY and Xie YL finished study design and review of final draft; all authors have read and approved the final manuscript. We had added these content in the manuscript file, just below the ORCID number section.

Q. The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s).

[Response] We thank for the reviewer's comments. The study was supported by 2 grants and we had uploaded the approved grant application forms.

Q. The authors did not provide original pictures.

[Response] Thanks for your careful check. We had provided the original figure document in TIFF format and arranged it using PowerPoint. Both of these two formats had been uploaded. The previous green arrow in the image had been changed into black.

Q. PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list.

[Response] Thanks again for the check. We had added DOI and PMID numbers of the all references.