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It is not as it seems! Contralateral hemopneumothorax after penetrating thoracic trauma

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

We have previously sent our case report titled " **It is not as it seems! Contralateral hemopneumothorax after penetrating thoracic trauma**" to be considered for publication in your journal and received your letter including the comments of the reviewer. We want to express our deepest thanks to you and the reviewers as your comments helped us to improve the scientific quality of the manuscript. The case report was revised according to the comments of the reviewer.

We look forward to receiving your answer and comments about the new version of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

Mehlika İşcan, MD

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: I have reviewed the manuscript titled "It Is Not As It Seems! Contralateral Hemopneumothorax After Penetrating Thoracic Trauma". The manuscript is well written and relevant to the current Thoracic Surgery practice. The author has emphasized the probability of contralateral pleural injuries secondary to penetrating thoracic trauma especially occurring at the medial portions of the thoracic wall. This is an important knowledge that needs to be reminded to the Thoracic Surgeons and Emergency Medicine specialists, because contralateral pleural injuries may be missed during inital diagnostic work-up of these patients and may lead to mortalities. Howerver there are a couple of minor spelling and grammar errors that need to adressed. My suggestions to the author are as follows:

1. Line 52: I believe there should be a space between the number "2" and the letter "w" at the phrases "PaCO2 was" and "PaO2 was". 2. Line 87: The word "artery" was spelled as "arterty" and should be corrected.

Answer 1: Thank you very much. I have modified the text accordingly on page 4, line 80 and on page 5, line 105.

Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case report of the contralateral hemopneumothorax after penetrating thoracic trauma. The topic is within the scope of the WJCC. (1) Classification: Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript is well written and relevant to the current thoracic surgery practice. The author has emphasized the probability of contralateral pleural injuries secondary to penetrating thoracic trauma especially occurring at the medial portions of the thoracic wall. This is an important knowledge that needs to be reminded to the thoracic surgeons and emergency medicine specialists. The questions raised by the

reviewers should be answered; and (3) Format: There are 4 figures. A total of 11 references are cited, including 5 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by a native English speaker was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the written informed consent. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJCC.

5 Issues raised:

(1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;

Answer: I have modified the text accordingly on page 1, line 8-10.

(2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

Answer: I have modified the text accordingly on page 11-14. Figure document was prepared with powerpoint and uploaded to the system.

(3) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; and

Answer: I have modified the text accordingly on page 8-9. But, reference 2 and reference 6 have not got pubmed number and doi number.

(4) The "Case Presentation" section was not written according to the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation. Please re-write the "Case Presentation" section, and add the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and

Requirements for Manuscript Revision. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Answer: I re-wrote case presentation and added final diagnosis, treatment, outcome and follow-up sections according to Guideline and Requirements for Manuscript Revision.

Thank you very much.