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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

<b>Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is obviously an interesting case report. However, I have major concerns: 1. You do not include an English editing certificate. Kindly consider that attaching this is not simply a formality. Your paper needs intensive editing from an English speaking physician. Several expressions are awkward: "drinking alcohol with dinner" "was encouraged to cough" 2. I have doubts about the below quoted statement: mediastinal emphysema is a pathologic condition in which gas accumulates in the connective tissue..... Are you sure? Free gas is not accumulated in the connective tissue, but rather in spaces. Mediastinum has several of these. 3. References 4 and 5 are in capital letters. I know that PubMed conserves very old references as such; please correct accordingly so that all refs are equally formatted. 4. Images are exquisite and illustrative. However, I can detect inside these the patient ID number, and maybe even the name of the patient (Ding Yan Fa ???) in the second figure, along with other details that will lead to the identification of the patient. This is simply unacceptable. You should protect anonymity of the patient, and omit all details (in the figures and elsewhere) that can identify him / her.