

Reply for peer-review comments

General Reply:

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtful comments about our case report. We revised the article according to the reviewers' comments, and added CT images (inspiratory and expiratory phases). Based on your recommendations, we have sent the manuscript for further language polishing to a professional English editing company. The modifications introduced are detailed below.

Author responses:

Point 1: There is little discussion about RP complicated by Sjogren syndrome. The authors should add some literature review.

Reply : We added new references and review them in the Discussion section.

Point 2: Figure 1a,b: The authors should align the size of the vertical and horizontal axes for the two flow volume curves.

Reply : Figure 1a,b were revised and updated.

Point 3: Figure 3: It is important to confirm bronchoscopic findings during both inspiration and expiration. I think this patient developed tracheobronchomalacia. If possible, the authors should add bronchoscopic imaging for expiration.

Reply : We updated the fiberoptic bronchoscopy test figure, but no distinction is observed about inspiratory and expiratory phases due to patient discomfort. The patients did develop tracheobronchomalacia as shown on CT.

We reemphasized this point in the text and added figure 5 (CT).

Point 4: Figure 4: CT findings in patients with RP were reported to show airway narrowing, airway thickening, airway calcification, and airway malacia. This patient may have other CT findings and the authors should add the axial CT image in the mediastinal field for inspiration and expiration.

Reply : We have added the axial CT image of mediastinal field for inspiration and expiration Figure 5.