Reviewer's report

**Title:** Bridging Bronchus - a rare cause of recurrent wheezy bronchitis

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**Reviewer:** Enrico Lombardi

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This is a case report of a wheezing toddler with bridging bronchus and no other associated anomalies. Although the manuscript is well written, some major and minor comments need to be made.

**MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS**

1. More clinical information should be provided in the Case Presentation" section. The reader should understand which clues lead to suspect a more important condition than just viral wheezing. Was the girl wheezing despite long-term therapy for wheeze (Inhaled Corticosteroids or Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists)? Did she have a "noisy breathing" even when she did not have a cold? Was a tidal flow-volume loop performed to search for tracheal compression? Most preschool wheezers have symptoms which recur "frequently" (page 4, line 8) or respond poorly to treatment, yet not all of them should undergo a bronchoscopy. The authors should make this point clear in the discussion and mention the clues that should be looked for in the decision making process for further investigations in a child with recurrent wheezing.

2. Although the authors conclude that the bridging bronchus had no other associated anomalies, whether or not the pulmonary artery performed a sling is not completely clear and should be better specified in the text.

3. After the diagnosis the girl was initiated on leukotriene receptor antagonist. Was this a long-term treatment? For how long was this treatment used? Was it stopped during summer months?

**MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS**

1. Page 6, line 2: "original reported" should be "originally reported".

2. Page 8, line 16: "often" should be "more often".


**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.