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Thank you for your comments. If a patient presents with haemothorax on chest X ray and does not improve clinically even after a substantial amount of blood is drained, there is no ongoing bleeding and the repeat X ray does not show any significant pleural collection, then clearly something else is happening. It is the combination of clinical deterioration and the paucity of dramatic radiological signs on the chest x ray that should serve as a trigger for early echo and CT scan. Omitting chest X rays in this case report would substantially detract from this main message that we want to convey.