Reviewer's report

**Title:** Rapidly progressive form of Bronchiolitis Obliterans Organising Pneumonia presenting with pneumothorax, persistent and recurrent air-leak, acute respiratory distress syndrome and multi-organ dysfunction

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**Reviewer:** Tom Marrie

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General
A very interesting case report.

Revisions necessary for publication

There is no discussion of the right atrial thrombus - also need a better description of it -- size on echo; location and size at time of surgical removal; why did it occur? did it have any effect on the course of the illness?

Serological testing for atypical pneumonia -- what pathogens were sought and what tests were used?

Why did he have recurrent pneumothoraces??

There is very little discussion of the troponin positive myocardial dysfunction in the setting of normal coronary arteries.
What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable