Reviewer's report

**Title:** Spontaneous pneumothorax from cryptococcal pneumonia in systemic sclerosis: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Mirko Zganjer

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This article was very interesting and shows a rare disease course. However, very little has been written about spontaneous pneumothorax, the progress and the complications of the disease. Also, should the authors explain how the treatment of pneumothorax was done in daily practice.

Literature is not enough current (only 2 articles were published 5 years ago). It is necessary to find current literature and include in the article. So I think it is necessary to revise the article in detail.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests