Reviewer's report

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

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: No

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:

The revised manuscript addresses the concerns of the 1st review. Though improved, there is still a problem with the English, mostly in the newly added parts. Examples:

"Spontaneous pneumothorax is mostly found in persons with systemic sclerosis who have extensive pulmonary fibrosis with enlarged subpleural blebs." "mostly" should be "usually"

"We report on a case of spontaneous pneumothorax from cryptococcal pneumonia in a patient with systemic sclerosis with minimal subpleural emphysema." "from" should be "caused by"
"The oxygen saturation of the room air at admission was 92%." "of" should be "on"

etc...

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests