Reviewer’s report

Title: Postpneumonectomy-like Syndrome: A Rare Case with Review of Literature

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Reviewer: Dong Chang

Which of the 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?: 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?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors present an interesting case of a patient who presented with a "post-pneumonectomy syndrome as a sequelae of severe pulmonary parenchymal TB infection. The report is well-written and clearly describes the salient features of the case. The case is interesting and would be of interest to the readership, given the world-wide prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis and its long-term complications. There are no major violations of patient confidentiality or ethical considerations.

The report would be strengthened by addressing the following points:

(1) I would like the case presentation to include more information. As an example, please include medications, pertinent negatives on history, specific vital signs, a more detailed report of the physical examination. In addition, it would be
helpful to have pertinent labs and more diagnostic studies; chemistries, CBC, ABG, LFTs, BNP, EKG (Possibly right sided?), Echo, if available would provide a more complete picture of the patient's presentation. The chest imaging is interesting, but I would like to see mediastinal images of the CT as seeing the distortion of the mediastinal structures is important in a patient who was ultimately deemed to have cor pulmonale due to anatomical distortion and parenchymal lung disease.

(2) The discussion section also needs to be expanded as well. I think the report would be strengthened by a discussion of how this case differs from previous reports (described in the Discussion) and what additional information or insight into the disease has been learned.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No competing interests or financial disclosures.