Dear Editor,

Thanks for reviewing our article. Included is a point by point response to your recommendations:

**Introduction**

1. The word accident is removed from the text.
2. Since we could not find a reference that accurately describes the sentence, the sentence was removed.
3. The word increasing is utilized only 1 time in this sentence.
4. The sentence is altered to indicate that an AP CXR may have “traditionally” been the initial test of choice and that now extended FAST examination is utilized in most centers.
5. Cervical-collar is used instead of Head-collar.
6. vs in the last sentence is removed.

**Definition**

1. AP is used instead of Anteroposterior in the whole text.

**Incidence**

1. The sentence is carefully restructured.
2. The reference of “Occult pneumothorax; what have we learned” By Ball, Kirkpatrick and Feliciano in the Canadian Journal of Surgery, 2009;52(5):E173-E179) is referenced later in the text. Reference no. 34.
3. Wilson et. al reference is provided. Reference no. 9.
4. The data is referenced to: “This was described in a recent level-III study of 5552 admissions at Grady Memorial Hospital (unpublished data, 2009”).
5. Reference corrected to “injury” instead of journal of trauma”

**Why occult**

1. The comment pertaining to posteromedial OPTX distribution in patients with single lung ventilation is properly referenced.
2. Tried to restructure the sentences identical to previous work.

**Truly occult or missed pneumothorax**

1. ? is added to the section heading

2. Firsts sentence is edited properly.

3. The reference attached to the table is corrected.

**Case presentations**

We presented only the figure in this review article. We assume that specific case details are not mandatory for readers and that just image illustration is mandatory. This will make the manuscript more focused and less boring for readers. Figure 1 is replaced with a better quality case of a true occult pneumothorax with high resolution. The names were carefully removed from the images. The images now well illustrate the entity of occult pneumothorax.

**Management**

The second sentence is restructured. We tried to rephrase some of the sentences.

**Conclusions**

Conclusions changed according to reviewer recommendation.

Once more, Thanks for reviewing our manuscript.

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