Reviewer's report

Title: Occult Pneumothorax, Revisited.

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This manuscript represents a comprehensive and well organized review for occult pneumothorax and highlights an important, yet frequently missed, complication in trauma patients.

1- Major revisions:
None

2- Minor revisions:
- The use of ultrasonographic imaging should be further stressed upon as an easy, feasible and highly sensitive tool for the diagnosis of pneumothorax. The signs of pneumothorax in the anterolateral chest wall in supine patients (lung sliding, the A line sign, and the lung point) and the validity of each should be added to the manuscript.
- In the paragraph preceding Figure 1, the authors mentioned “Left sided pneumothorax” while in the figure legend they are describing “Right sided pneumothorax”
- Some language and grammar mistakes have to be corrected such as "The clues that help in raising the suspicion of pneumothorax in anteroposterior chest radiograph if the classic signs are not evident include are".

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.