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Dear Prof. Uffe Kock Wiil,

Please find enclosed the revised version of our research paper entitled: “How Spontaneous Pneumothorax is managed in Emergency Departments: A French multicentre descriptive study” for publication as an original research article in BMC Emergency Medicine.

You will also find below our point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments, as well as the details of the changes we have made in the revised manuscript.

We hope that the revised version will now be considered suitable for publication, and look forward to hearing from you again in due course.

Best regards
Responses to the reviewer 1 Ryan Shuster

Response: We thank the reviewer for his review.

Responses to the reviewer 2 Oka Shojiro

I have read the revised edition.

After all this paper is very interesting to me.

Thank you.

Response: We thank the reviewer for his review and his comment.

Responses to the BMC Emergency medicine Editor

1. If consent was not required, please provide details of why this was waived and the institution/committee that approved the waiver.

Response: We thank the editor for this pertinent remark. For this retrospective study, the Ethics Committee did not require written informed consent. In France, we use what is termed “non-opposition”, whereby patients who do not agree for their data to be used at a later date for research purposes can opt out by signaling their opposition; otherwise, in the absence of opposition, patients are deemed to have consented. Non-opposition was verified for every patient. This has been specified in the manuscript methods section, page 6 line 123 and in the declaration section page 18 line 375 as follows:

“For this type of study, formal written informed consent was not required. A non-opposition procedure was used and no patient had expressed opposition to the use of his medical data for research purposes.”

“For this retrospective study, the Ethics Committee did not require written informed consent but a non-opposition was verified for every patient. Patients who do not agree for their data to be used at a later date for research purposes can opt out by signaling their opposition; otherwise, in the absence of opposition, patients are deemed to have consented.”

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Response: Again, we thank the editor for this pertinent remark. We also provided a declaration section page 18 line 364 with the sub-sections as requested.
3. We notice that you have referenced 'Appendix 1' within your manuscript. Please ensure that this has been uploaded with your submission.

Response: We thank the editor by pointing out that the Appendix 1 was not referenced in our manuscript. We added a sub-section ‘Appendix 1’ in the supplementary files section page 24 line 506.

4. Please also add a section “Supplementary files” where you list the following information about your supplementary material:

- File name
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Response: We added a section ‘supplementary files’ page 24 line 500 as requested.

5. Please ensure that the spelling for the author ‘Gilles Trebbes’ matches that which has been written in the submission system.

Response: The spelling for this author is ‘Gilles Trebes’. We changed the spelling in the submission system.

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Response: We removed the word count in the abstract section page 3 line 51.

7. Thank you for providing a cover letter. As this document is no longer required at this stage of the publication process, please remove it from your submission’s supplementary files.

Response: We removed the cover letter as a supplementary files.

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colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: We addressed a final manuscript as requested.