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Dear Dr. Amit Gaggar

We greatly appreciate to accept our manuscript and respond each question.

C1. Include a title page with all author e-mails in the main manuscript.

R1: Thank you for your pointing out. I revised our title page.

C2. Statement of consent to publish for the representative of case report:

Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

R2: We added the following sentence in the third paragraph of “Subject and study design” in Methods.

“The Institutional Review Board of Niigata University approved this study (approval no. 1792) and all pulmonary physicians agreed to collaborate with us. Data of patients were anonymously handled in a linkable manner. We obtained written informed consent from the represented case of shown in figure 2. The study protocol was designed according to The Ethical Guidelines 2008 for Clinical Studies by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare.”

C3: Format the Authors‘ Contributions Section according to our guidelines using authors‘ initials rather than full names.

R3: Thank you for your pointing out. I revised the Authors‘ Contributions Section.