Author’s response to reviews

Title: MDA-5 Associated Rapidly Progressive Interstitial Lung Disease with Recurrent Pneumothoraces: A Case Report

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Dear reviewers, thank you for reviewing this case report and for addressing your points.

With regards to the pneumothoraces, the discussion was modified a little for a better understanding of our case.

In relation to the ECMO, it is not a novel treatment. A lot of centres use it as a bridging modality for lung transplantation as well as in the setting of acute lung injury secondary to an infectious or inflammatory process until the patients recover. As there were reported cases in the literature of spontaneous pneumothorax/pneumomediastinum in association with rapidly progressive ILD and CADM, avoiding positive pressure ventilation by using ECMO could prevent those complications and provide patients with the appropriate ventilation.

Grammar errors were corrected (sorry for that).

Kind Regards