Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Najib Rahman

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This is a case report of MDA-5 associated ILD. While in the main well written and clear, I am struggling to understand what central messages the authors wish the reader to take away.

The main example of this is that the authors suggest that pneumothorax and pneumomediastinum are singular features in this case - and yet simply state that they occurred, presenting very little data. In addition, these complications appeared to occur late in the disease, while intubated and doubtless with high inflation pressures and with stiff lungs - is this therefore a surprise? Surely, this is just a routine complication of severe ILD which is ventilated?

I think the authors need to be far clearer in what the message from the case report is - is there an unusual proclivity in this case for lung involvement, or particular and unusual complications, compared to the world literature of this disease?

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