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We thank the reviewers for the comments. We have revised the manuscript “Measurement of intrapleural pressure in patients with spontaneous pneumothorax: a pilot study” on the basis of the comments. We look forward to a publication of our manuscript in BMC Pulmonary Medicine.

Sincerely,

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Answer 2: We added the statement, “Written informed consent was obtained from all participants.”

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Answer 3: We added the statement, “All authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.”

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Answer 4: We corrected full names to initials in the Authors' contributions section.

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