**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Atraumatic bleeding of the subclavian artery 20 years after surgical treatment of pneumothorax

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**Reviewer:** Andres Obeso

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The authors have submitted a clinical case of a 70 year-old male with diagnosis of subclavian artery bleeding 20 years after surgical treatment of pneumothorax. This is an unfrequent and interesting case however some relevant aspects should need to be reviewed.

- The abstract needs to be rewritten. Background is too short in comparison with the case presentation which is excessively long.

- Page 4, line 33. The sentence "The patient survived by percutaneous placement of stent grafts" should be removed. The end of the story should not be included at the beginning of the book.

- Page 4, line 52. which kind of surgery was performed (bullectomy, type of pleurodesis, approach etc). Please include more specific information about it.

- Page 4, line 55. It is really strange to confuse sulcus lung tumor with bleeding. What about clinical status, lab tests, radiological findings etc

- Page 5, line 11 and 13. Please change "thoracic cavity" by "pleural cavity".

- Discussion is mainly focused on different options for treatment. However the key point of this clinical case is to hypothesize possible causes and mechanisms of subclavian artery bleeding in a patient with history of pneumothorax surgery.

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