Author’s response to reviews

Title: Case report on spontaneous pneumomediastinum following a prolonged second stage of labour: an emphasis on early diagnosis and conservative management.

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REVIEWER 1:
1. Please mention the ethnicity of the patient. Change made as suggested. The patient’s Caucasian ethnicity was added under the title of patient information.

2. Please use scientific name of medication instead of trade name (Entonox)
Change made as suggested. Medication trade name deleted and scientific name of medication changed to nitrous oxide-oxygen gas mixture.

3. Please omit esophageal rupture from the title. Although authors presented a well written paragraphs indicating the likelihood of esophageal rupture, it still uncertain that it was the cause. For preventing misleading I suggest to retain pneumomediastinum in the title omitting esophageal rupture.
Change made as suggested. Oesophageal rupture deleted from title.

REVIEWER 2:
1. All element were provided, except for a follow up visit after discharge. A follow up visit after discharge was not required.

2. P2 L37: Originating in or originating from? Change made as suggested. Wording changed to originating from.
3. P3 L1: If you prefer using the commercial name of drugs, then the drug name should be in capitals and carry a trademark.
Change made as suggested. Changed to scientific name of drug.

4. P3 L13: Provide unit for the blood pressure and respiratory rate. Please, do same for the serum lactate and bicarbonate.
Changes made as suggested. The units for observations and bloods results are now included.

5. P3 L22: All abbreviations like ECG should be defined at first use.
Change made as suggested. ECG changed to electrocardiogram when first used.

6. P4 L11: The authors list serial chest x-rays like it is a treatment the patients received for her oesophageal rupture. Change made as suggested. Serial chest x-rays written in error, omitted from the treatment.

7. Attaching images of the CXR and CT-angiogram to highlight significant findings will increase the credibility of this paper.
Change made as suggested. Image of patient’s chest xray included. Unfortunately unable to obtain CT-angiogram image from hospital imaging service.