

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58450

Title: *Cough-induced Rib Fractures During Pneumonia: A Diagnostic Pitfall in Emergency Medicine – A Case Report*

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
 ✓ Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

- The case highlights a rare but clinically important diagnostic condition
- Clinical presentation, investigations, and management are described clearly
- CT imaging effectively supports the diagnosis
- Differential diagnoses are appropriately discussed
- Discussion is supported with relevant and recent references
- The report has practical value for emergency physicians
- The conclusion provides useful clinical learning points for daily practice

Weakness of the study:

- Ethical approval or patient consent statement should be included
- The discussion could provide more details on long term follow up
- Laboratory findings could be interpreted in greater detail
- Some grammatical and formatting issues require correction
- The literature comparison could be expanded further
- A brief description of study limitations is missing
- Image legends could be presented more clearly

Reviewers Comments:

This case report describes an uncommon but important complication of persistent cough in a patient with pneumonia. The clinical history, diagnostic workup, imaging findings, treatment, and outcome are presented in a logical and easy to follow manner. The report successfully emphasizes the importance of considering rib fractures in patients with persistent chest pain despite a normal chest radiograph. The discussion is relevant and supported by current literature, making the manuscript educational for clinicians working in emergency medicine. The language is generally clear, although minor grammatical corrections and formatting improvements are needed to enhance readability. The manuscript should include a clear statement regarding informed patient consent and ethical approval or exemption, as required for case reports. A brief section on limitations and longer follow up would further strengthen the paper. Overall, this is a valuable and clinically relevant case report that is suitable for publication after minor revision.

Previously Published anywhere/Plagiarism check:

The manuscript appears to describe an original clinical case, and no obvious indication of previous publication was identified during this review. However, the journal should complete a standard plagiarism similarity check before publication to confirm originality and ensure compliance with ethical publishing guidelines.