

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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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This manuscript presents a rare case of multiple bilateral cough-induced rib fractures in a patient with pneumonia. It emphasizes the diagnostic challenge of distinguishing musculoskeletal chest pain from pulmonary pathology and highlights the importance of computed tomography (CT) when chest radiography is inconclusive. The case is clinically relevant and provides valuable insights for emergency physicians and respiratory clinicians.

Strength:

1. Reports a rare and clinically important case.
2. Highlights the diagnostic value of CT imaging.
3. Well-organized case presentation.
4. Good discussion supported by literature.
5. Clear clinical message for emergency practice.
6. Appropriate management and favorable outcome.

Weakness:

1. Single case limits generalizability.
2. Long-term follow-up is not provided.
3. Bone mineral density assessment could strengthen the report.
4. More discussion on preventive measures is needed.
5. Minor language and formatting corrections are required.
6. Additional imaging details would improve the manuscript.

Overall assessment:

The manuscript presents a clinically valuable case report highlighting an uncommon but important complication of persistent cough in pneumonia. The case is well documented and reinforces the role of CT imaging in avoiding diagnostic errors. Minor revisions related to language, additional discussion on

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risk factors and preventive measures, and inclusion of longer follow-up information would further strengthen the manuscript.

Recommendation: Manuscript accepted for publication after minor revision.