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I would like to thank Dr. Determann for thoroughly reviewing our case report, elaborating on the topic of respiratory mechanics and even adding additional calculations to the ones already listed: observed differences between two methods of calculating the transpulmonary pressure are nicely clarified. Our study was not intended to answer whether the absolute or

relative transpulmonary pressure reflects the 'true' distending pressure of the lung. We currently appreciate the (previously cited) results from Yoshida's pig and human cadaver experiments showing absolute and relative methods closely reflect values in different parts of the same lung and that is why we listed both measurements in the article.