



### PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [ ] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing [ ] Grade B: Minor language polishing [ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	[ ] Accept (High priority) [ ] Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes [ ] No
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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors describe a patient with multiple vascular injuries due to migration of a swallowed fishbone. This is a well-written manuscript which delivers a clear message. The authors claim that multiple fishbone-related vascular injuries have not been reported. A thorough literature search confirms this statement. The manuscript emphasizes the necessity to find and remove the fishbone as soon as possible, which is of great clinical significance. I congratulate the authors on their efforts, especially for honestly reporting the sad outcome. In the reader's opinion, though, the patient's death could not have been prevented, since the fishbone was still there. On the other side, operating the patient and blindly searching for the foreign body would have been unsuccessful and also dangerous. I have following comments, before the manuscript can be accepted for publication:

1. the authors claim that vertebral artery injury from a fishbone has not been reported. This is not true as Chou et al report 3 cases of spontaneous vertebral artery dissection, the third being observed in a patient after fish bone swallow (PMID: 21739395). Please cite this article, as it is highly relevant, and revise your text accordingly (i.e. revise/omit the phrase " cases of vertebral artery pseudoaneurysm caused by a fishbone have not been reported before"). Even though, strictly speaking, pseudoaneurysm differs from dissection as the former is a collection of blood between the two outer layers of an artery and the latter a collection between the two inner layers, practically it is the same thing (treated in the same manner as well).
2. Similarly, one more study reports vertebral artery dissection due to esophageal foreign body (metallic pin) migration and needs to be cited too (PMID: 25018833).
3. Can the authors roughly estimate when did the second pseudoaneurysm occur? Was it at the day that it became hemodynamically relevant (i.e. the 9th day)?



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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The authors provided sufficient response to my feedback and addressed all my comments. I don't have any further comments.