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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Intra-abdominal abscesses secondary to perforation of the gastrointestinal tract by foreign body ingestion are not uncommon in clinical practice. However, secondary liver abscesses due to the migration of a foreign body from the stomach to the liver are rare. The difficulty in recognizing this condition is due to the non-specificity and variability of possible symptoms, the difficulty of evidence of the foreign body through conventional imaging and the low clinical suspicion inherent to its rarity. In the described case, timely diagnosis and choice of the correct therapeutic strategy by laparoscopic surgery allowed to achieve a favorable result.



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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors submitted a manuscript entitled “Intragastric fish bones migrate into the liver, as a case report opinion review. It was an overall well-written review, and easy to understand the pattern of the review. However, there are multiple similar reports already in the literature; hence the authors need to put some extra effort into making it more informative. In addition, the current report needs to have the cutting edge of being accepted for publication since it doesn't have any novelty. Notably, the language of this manuscript needs some work; in addition., the entire manuscript was written without due care. I would recommend that the authors do careful proofreading before the submission and also rewrite the manuscript by a native English speaker before the resubmission. I have a few recommendations to improve the manuscript as follows:

Introduction: 1. Please consider rewriting the introduction section because the entire section sounds like communication between two individuals rather than reading scientific literature. For instance, “they can be timely removed by endoscopy” or “by mistake.” 2. Instead of mentioning a few cases, please be specific about what type of cases that you are referring to here; it doesn’t make any sense. 3. As the authors



mentioned in the introduction as “an extremely rare incident”; however, it is not an extremely rare incident; hence please modify the language. Case presentation: 1.

Please modify the format of this section; a case description should be a narration of the episode of care that the patient received. Please change it to a narration format instead of a case chart. 2. Please specify the main location of the pain by abdominal quadrant instead of just mentioning it as “waist.” 3. Please include the abdominal CT impression by the size of the abscess, which was measured and has an image to show the abscess by diameter., 4. “After receiving routine anti-infection treatment, his temperature decreased but did not drop to normal,” Please modify the language; it doesn’t fit scientific terms! Anti-infection treatment? Was it antibacterial or antiviral, or anthelmintic? Please specify, 5. Please include an arrow mark or pointer to show the finding in the video; similarly, please have a voice narration to explain the result; that would be helpful instead of just a video clip. 4. Any information about the culture or microbiological or pathological reports? Pre and post-surgery? 5. Did surgeons use any drains? If so, please include the details and when it was removed. If it was not used, please discuss the rationale. 6. Any details about post-op enteral nutrition? Discussion:

1. Please include some literature about the liver abscess or the foreign body before you could start the discussion points about the previous literature on this topic 2. As a clinician, researcher, and reader, one would expect a case report to be a source of new knowledge and an important means for education and learning. Hence, the topic is not any novelty in this report; it may be just another report which was managed fishbone removal. I recommend that the authors include a table to discuss the previous literature and include discussion points as a review of the literature; that would be helpful. 3.

Please also include the educational point you want to share from this case, compared to the cases already in the literature. 4. “bacteria can multiply” is not an appropriate or scientific way of expressing the infection. I want to share that any bacterial infections



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that disseminate through the bloodstream enter peripheral tissues and seed infectious lesions, initially inducing inflammatory responses that attract neutrophils, macrophages, and other phagocytes. Hence, abscess formation is due to bacterial entry into purulent material, a pathogen-driven process that usurps the default responses of its infected host to enhance microbial replication and dissemination. Hence, it's not "multiply"; it's called "microbial replication and dissemination." Please modify it 5. Please discuss the effective methods of diagnostic strategies and a few points about the fishbone induced other Gi complications, such as by location, for example., esophageal micro-perforation with regional pneumomediastinum, mediastinitis, and abscess, ileal perforation or perforated acalculous cholecystitis 6. I would ask the authors to use the scientific method of writing and please do multiple reading and proofreading before the resubmission



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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read with interest the case report of fish bone ingestion and perforation causing liver abscess. The case is well written and well managed too. The images selected are good quality and essential to describe and complements the case discussion and overall there is nothing for me to suggest to authors to improve except that the video would benefit from orientation of view and possible some commentry/audio. Thanks



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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for such interesting clinical case I have a few comments: 1. It will be informative to include results of control laboratory parametrs: CRP, WBC, etc. 2. Photo of the bone with its size will be interesting to include 3. It is important to write about important anamnesis point - when was the last time the patient ate fish (to know how long the bone could have been in the body) 4. Please include information about patient weight and height



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The language of this manuscript still needs a lot of improvements. The audio recording of the video is mumbled and not audible. The authors need to pay attention to the grammatical issues. I recommend the authors use still with the language appropriate for a journal.