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COMMENTS

CONFIDENTIAL COMMENTS TO EDITOR:

Topics dealing with aspiration of foreign bodies of whatever origin, including parts of tracheostomy tubes have been covered many times in various articles and case reports. Besides the characteristic of foreign body (fractured tracheostomy obturator) there is no real novelty in the way the authors managed to remove it. Some imprecisions and grammar errors make the text not very fluent in reading. The content of the paper is of limited scientific interest. It requires various corrections before resubmission.

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

The authors describe a subject which has been already reported in the literature. Besides the type of body aspirated no major novel findings are added in the way the respiratory distress was relieved (bronchoscopic removal of foreign body as usual). The discussion seems too long and dwells upon on the same concepts with repetitive statements. The case presentation requires a revision regarding spelling, grammar errors and imprecisions. More attention should be paid to some phrasal construction, as underlined in red in the attached file: