



REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: "Duodenal Trichobezoar: An Exceptional Location"

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	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr. S. K. Nath

Date: 19/02/2025

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The paper presents a rare case of duodenal trichobezoar, a location not commonly documented. Highlights the psychological aspects (trichotillomania and trichophagia) linked to trichobezoar formation. It is a unique and well-documented case report with clear clinical relevance. Needs minor language refinements, expanded discussion, and more statistical context.

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Strengths of the Paper:

- 1. Novelty and Clinical Significance:** The paper presents a rare case of duodenal trichobezoar, a location not commonly documented. Highlights the psychological aspects (trichotillomania and trichophagia) linked to trichobezoar formation.
- 2. Well-Structured Case Report:** Provides clear chronological details from patient history to diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up. Includes clinical findings, imaging results, and surgical procedures, making it informative for clinicians.
- 3. Diagnostic and Treatment Insights:** Discusses CT imaging as a key diagnostic tool, reinforcing its utility in trichobezoar cases. Explains the challenges of endoscopic extraction and the necessity for surgical intervention. Emphasizes postoperative psychiatric care, underlining a multidisciplinary treatment approach.
- 4. Use of Figures & Literature Support:** Includes CT scan images, endoscopic findings, and surgical extraction photos, aiding visualization. References relevant literature on bezoars, supporting the discussion with prior studies.

Areas for Improvement:

1. Language and Readability Issues: Some grammatical errors and awkward phrasing reduce clarity. Example: *"We present an original case of a trichobezoar located exclusively in the duodenum, a presentation that, to the best of our knowledge, has not been previously described."*

Suggestion: Rewriting for conciseness, e.g., *"This is the first documented case of an isolated duodenal trichobezoar, to our knowledge."*

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2. **Discussion Could Be Expanded:** The etiology and pathophysiology of trichobezoars could be elaborated. Comparison with other case studies would strengthen the argument that this case is unique.

Suggestion: A brief table summarizing previously reported cases could improve the discussion.

3. **Lack of Statistical or Epidemiological Data:** The paper mentions incidence rates but lacks detailed statistics or comparative analysis.

Suggestion: Including a literature review summary on the prevalence of trichobezoars in different locations would enhance context.

4. **More Focus on Alternative Treatments:** The discussion briefly mentions chemical dissolution (e.g., Coca-Cola® therapy) but does not explore its effectiveness in detail.

Suggestion: A short section on pros and cons of non-surgical treatments would be useful.