

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: A Tale of Migrating Foreign Body

### 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   |        | ✓    |      |      |

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### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This case report describes a rare incident of a fish bone that migrated into the superior pole of the thyroid gland in a 52-year-old male. The patient presented with persistent throat pain after swallowing a fish bone. Initial X-rays were negative, but CT scan revealed an abscess with a fish bone inside the thyroid region. The patient underwent surgical neck exploration, and the fish bone was successfully removed without complications.

The report highlights how swallowed foreign bodies, especially fish bones, may migrate through tissues and cause serious complications like abscess, carotid artery injury, or thyroid involvement. CT scan was found to be the best tool for accurate diagnosis and surgical planning.

### Strengths:

1. Presents a rare and unique case of thyroid involvement by a fish bone.
2. Well-documented with imaging and surgical findings.
3. Highlights importance of CT scan in diagnosis and surgery.
4. Provides literature review comparing similar cases.

### Weaknesses:

1. Single case report, so findings cannot be generalized.
2. Limited follow-up details on long-term recovery.
3. No discussion of preventive aspects or patient education.

### Overall Assessment:

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A valuable case report that adds to medical literature on rare migrating foreign bodies. It shows the importance of early suspicion, imaging, and careful surgical intervention.

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Manuscript accepted for the publication.