Reviewer's report

Title: Fracture of metallic tracheostomy tube in children: a case report

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Reviewer: Kornkiat Snidvongs

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The case report demonstrates an unusual complication which may warn physicians to keep this in mind for tracheostomy care. One missing part is the lower airway disorder which caused fever, tachycardia, hyperpnea, two-month cough and decreased breath sounds. What was the chest x-ray finding? What was the definite lung disease: atelectasis, pneumonitis or lung abscess? What was the antibiotics given? It is worth to know the lung consequence of the fracture of tracheostomy tube which could be seriously fatal. Bronchoscopic foreign body removal may not be a final solution to cure all existing diseases.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'