



Image of the month

Intragastric foreign body: Giant trichobezoar

Cuerpo extraño intragástrico: tricobezoar gigante



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Clinical case

A 28-year-old woman was referred from her health centre for laboratory alterations during routine check-ups, which revealed significant anaemia (Hb 4.2 g/dL), iron deficiency, vitamin D and B12 deficiency.

In the anamnesis, the patient only reported some heartburn and admitted occasional ingestion of hair. Examination revealed a depressible abdomen without pain or distension, but with a well-defined mass effect in the mesogastrium.

Computed tomography (CT) of the abdomen showed a gastric bezoar (Fig. 1).

Endoscopic extraction was attempted without success, so gastrotomy and extraction of the trichobezoar was performed (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1 – CT scan of abdomen, coronal projection.

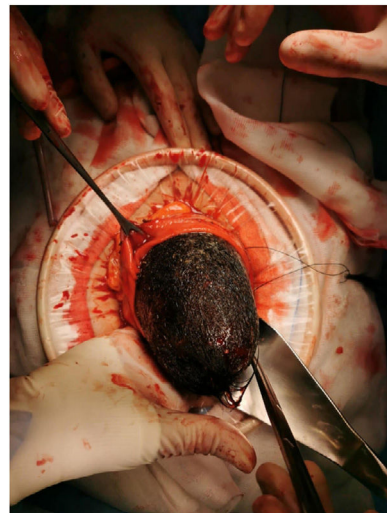


Fig. 2 – Extraction of bezoar through gastrotomy.

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