Oesophageal foreign body in the left main bronchus

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A 56-year old man presented with retrosternal discomfort and blood-stained sputum for 3 days. He had a history of fish bone ingestion five days before. Reformatted computed tomography (CT) images showed an oesophageal foreign body partially penetrating into the left main bronchus (Fig. 1A and B). The impacted foreign body was successfully removed via emergency endoscopy without any problem (Fig. 2A and B).

Figure 1: (A) Oblique reconstructed CT images showed the fish bone lodged in the oesophagus and left main bronchus (arrow). (B) CT with virtual bronchoscopy showed the endobronchial foreign body (arrow).

Figure 2: (A and B) Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy showed oesophageal foreign body, and the sharp foreign body was safely extracted.

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