

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Dr Banjar reported a case of "Bronchiectasis after Kerosene ingestion"¹, claiming that bronchiectasis resolved after one month of discharge, based on chest radiographic findings.

By definition, bronchiectasis is the abnormal and permanent dilatation of bronchi^{2,3}. This makes the case reported to be more likely due to a transient bronchial dilatation that can be seen with infections rather than true bronchiectasis.

At any rate, the plain chest radiograph is not ideal in showing the status of the bronchi and it would be necessary for a case study like this to do at least limited computed tomography (CT) images of the involved area.

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