

ABSTRACT

Hyperthyroidism related intestinal motility disorders have not been well described in literature. Altered neurohumoral regulation and electrolyte imbalance are thought to be the pathology, but the complex phenomenon is not completely elucidated.

We report a case of a 69-year-old previously healthy male, who presented with a 5 months history of progressive dysphagia to both solid and liquid food, proximal muscle weakness of upper and lower limbs and significant weight loss despite of good appetite. The only abnormal finding after extensive hematological and radiological investigations was thyrotoxicosis.

Symptoms dramatically improved with anti-thyroid treatment confirming the causal relationship of thyrotoxicosis and dysphagia.

This case highlights the importance of recognizing thyrotoxicosis as a cause of unexplained dysphagia.

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