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10 In a Nativity scene, in the upper part of the altar of the
11 Church of the Annunciata, Boccioleto (Val Sermenza,
AQ3 Piedmont, Italy), horn player with huge goiter, gladdens the
13 Holy Family [1]. The wooden work is by Francesco Antonio
14 d'Alberto, in 1694 [1]. The Annunciata is currently decon-
15 secrated and transformed into a repository of artistic works
AQ4 recovered in the territory [2]. The representation of the
17 goiter in Boccioleto is also illustrated in another sculpture
18 recently published on Journal of Endocrinological Investi-
AQ5 gation [1]. The clinical aspect of the sculpture reported rep-
20 represents a case of real multinodular goiter with an enlarged
21 anterior neck. The environmental/cultural characteristics in
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Piedmont region (iodine-poor soils and absence of seafood)
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Fig. 1 Nativity (detail), in the upper part of the altar of the Church of the Annunciata, Boccioleto (Val Sermenza, Piedmont, Italy), horn player who gladdens the Holy Family. Wooden work by Francesco Antonio d'Alberto, 1694

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