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Title: A Pitfall in the Interpretation of Plain Abdominal Radiograph in Neonates: a case presentation.

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The following amendments were made as per reviewers' comments:

1. Abstract, case report section was altered to read more fluently, and to explain why the neonate was suspected to be at risk of intestinal perforation before birth.

2. Introduction. The paragraph in the previous version describing details of the case report were deleted as per the reviewer's instruction because the details were duplicated in the case report section.

As a consequence, I added a sentence to the 1st paragraph to clarify the link between antenatal bowel obstruction, perforation, peritoneal calcification and meconium peritonitis.

3. To the case report section I added a sentence to clarify that the neonate did not have ultrasound examination of his abdomen after birth, in response to a query by the reviewer.

The rest of the text is unaltered compared to the version submitted to the reviewers. I believe I have responded to all their comments.

Best wishes
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