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Thank you for considering our resubmission as a Case Report.

As suggested by Associate Editor Christopher Pearce, the Case Series has now been truncated to include only Case 1; Case 2 has been removed from the revised manuscript.

Title has been altered:
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Abstract has been modified to include only Case 1.

All other sections of the manuscript have been modified to include only Case 1.

The Conclusions now refers to the diagnostic difficulties related to subhepatic appendicitis in an increasingly elderly aging population.

Appendicitis occurs frequently in the community, and is the second most frequently cited reason for acute abdominal surgery in late adulthood. It is difficult to diagnose at this age, with the correct diagnosis achieved in only 50% of cases at first presentation.

Anatomical variation in the location of the appendix can make diagnosis difficult at any age group. We report a case of subhepatic appendicitis in an elderly gentleman, emphasizing the need for high vigilance for acute surgical problems in the elderly that may be compounded by non-typical location of the appendix. This message is relevant for community and emergency doctors that frequently deal with abdominal pain in the elderly. We look forward to your deliberations.
Yours sincerely,
Dr Joseph Ting