Dear Editor,

Many thanks for accepting the article after revision. I have responded point by point to both reviewers.

Reviewer 1 – Mr Speake

Response to comments
1. Abstract has been changed to possibly leading to unnecessary laparotomy
2. “Scan” has been included in the abstract after “computed tomography”
3. “Previously” has been removed from the main text line 2
4. “Both” has been removed from main text line 13
5. “Rectus” has been included in the discussion line 2
6. Reference 12 has been removed as it indeed refers to the trauma situation

Reviewer 2 – Miss Huang

Response to comments
1. Non-enhanced CT images of the abdomen are not available as the scan was performed as a contrast aorta CT looking specifically for a leaking AAA and non-enhanced images are obtained prior to contrast
2. Blood results for haemoglobin, coagulation profile and WCC have been included
3. “There was no recent history of trauma” – has been included in the case report in response to the question regarding whether there was a recent history of trauma

Many thanks,
Aidan Shaw