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Title: Delayed Presentation Of A Patient With Sigmoid Colon Injury Following Blunt Abdominal Trauma: A Case Report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Description of an unusual event, with literature review

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Although the case report itself is not of great novelty or interest, it leads into a well-written literature review, and will be of value to some surgeons. I would revise in particular the section in which advice is given on how to manage colonic trauma, such that the most emphasis is placed upon how unwell the patient is at the time, comorbidity, and the degree of contamination, rather than starting with the assertion that a primary repair may be carried out if less than 50% of the circumference is involved, for which no evidence is offered. Also I was unable to open the first attachment labelled sup1, and it is not clear what "sup2" is. If it is
an abstract, then it needs rewriting.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'