Title: Linear Asymptomatic Pneumatosis. A Rare Complication of Computed Tomography Colonography. A Case Report.

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Dear Prof. Kidd:

here you will find our manuscript entitled “Linear Asymptomatic Pneumatosis. A Rare Complication of Computed Tomography Colonography. A Case Report”, to be kindly considered for publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

In literature there are just a few reports on pneumatosis intestinalis diagnosed by CT colonography, but they are focused on pneumatosis cystoides and not on linear pneumatosis.

In particular, to the best of our knowledge there is only one report by Pickhardt et al (AJR 2008, 190;W112-W117) concerning linear pneumatosis diagnosed by CT colonography in six patients.

Due to the low incidence of this complication, our description could be useful for radiologists and clinicians.

This can be particularly true if we consider that the etiopathogenesis of this event is still unclear and in our experience a traumatic event may favore linear pneumatosis.

Moreover, this case report is of interest to physicians and radiologists dealing with CTC who have to consider linear colonic pneumatosis among the CT colonography's complications, but should avoid unnecessary therapy and useless anxiety for the patient. We therefore suggest to include this potential complication into the patient information sheets.

Best regards.

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