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EDITOR'S QUIZ: GI SNAPSHOT

A rare cause of acute lower gastrointestinal bleeding

Robin Spiller, Editor

Clinical presentation

A 72 year old man presented to the emergency department with massive haematochezia. His medical history and drug history were unremarkable. Physical examination revealed pale sclera. On rectal examination, bright red blood was found and no mass was palpable. Laboratory examinations revealed anaemia (haemoglobin 9.0 g/dl, mean corpuscular volume 85 fl) and normal coagulation profiles. Urgent colonoscopy was arranged to investigate his bleeding (fig 1).

Question

What is the diagnosis?

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Figure 1 Colonoscopy of the rectum.