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This letter was shown to the authors, who reply as follows:

Sir,

We are grateful to Dr Singh and colleagues for their complimentary remarks on our case report. Their suggestion is appealing. None the less, intimal rupture was evident in our case on the 42nd day, when a contrast enhanced computed tomographic scan showed that the false lumen was opacified.

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