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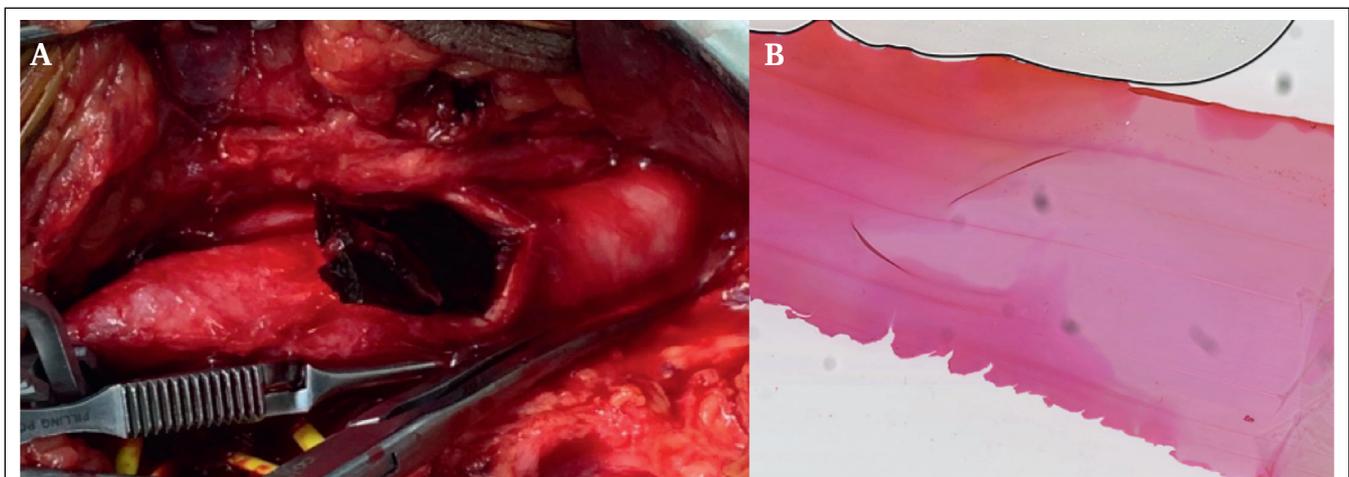
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## COUP D'OEIL

# Delayed Femoral Embolism of Biological Glue Following the Repair of Type a Aortic Dissection

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A 56 year old patient was referred with a diagnosis of acute left lower limb ischaemia. A month before, he had been treated successfully for acute type A aortic dissection. The false lumen had then been obliterated by Bioglu (Cryolife International, Kennesaw, GA, USA) injection between the dissected layers. Under general anaesthesia, the common femoral artery was explored and foreign material extracted from the posterior wall of the artery (panel A). Supplementary thrombo-embolectomy with a Fogarty catheter restored satisfactory distal arterial flow. Histopathological analysis confirmed that the embolic material extracted was indeed biological glue (panel B).

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