



Caption: Coloured scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of clotting blood on the bowel surface of a patient suffering from ulcerative colitis. Red blood cells (erythrocytes, red) are seen, trapped in a mesh formed from strands of the protein fibrin (light brown) (Magnification: x1000 at 6x7cm size). See also in this issue of *Gut* the Recent Advances in Clinical Practice on mucosal healing in inflammatory bowel disease, page 1619.

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