

## **Answering Reviewers:**

### First question: Order of the references.

The order of the references has been corrected.

### Second question: Data regarding co morbidities.

In our study we included multiple co morbidities to see its effect on perforation.

In table 1 instead of dealing with each comorbidity separately we looked at the number of comorbidities in each patient in both groups (perforator / non perforator). This gives us an idea that as the number of comorbidities increases the chance of perforation also increased.

We did not look at radiotherapy to the abdomen or diverticulitis and its effect on perforation in our study.

### Third question: ESRD

Changes has been made.

### Fourth question: Multivariate analysis

Age, low BMI, low albumin, inpatient and ICU patients (together with gender, abdominal pain and Crohn's disease) are discussed separately because we want to analyze each risk factor separately. Each factor in turn is discussed in detail in the discussion section

### Fifth question: Dilation

We have added in the discussion dilation as a significant risk factor for perforation.

