

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2178-review.doc).

Title: A black perforated esophagus treated with surgery; report of a case

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

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(2) comment on whether NG tube was cause of perforation

(3) comment of role of sepsis in development of black esophagus, especially in cancer patient

(4) - black esophagus is also referred as "Gurvits syndrome" and this needs to be mentioned in the abstract/text [References: 1) Acute oesophageal necrosis syndrome. Garas G, Wou C, Sawyer J, Amygdalos I, Gould S. BMJ Case Rep. 2011 Mar 3;2011. doi:pii: bcr1020103423. 10.1136/bcr.10.2010.3423
2) A Case of Acute Esophageal Necrosis in a Patient with Diabetic Ketoacidosis. Im JH, Kim MS, Lee SY, Kim SH, Hong SB, Nam M, Kim YS. Korean J Med. 2012 Jul;83(1):117-121]

(2) 02440011

Based on the description one cannot establish a cause and effect relationship between the black esophagus and perforation: "'Postoperative she developed severe dyspnea due to a perforation of the esophagus with leakage to the pleural space, caused by a black esophagus."

The patient developed respiratory problems and the endoscopic investigation found black esophageal and perforation. The black esophagus can be caused by sepsis due to mediastinitis caused by perforation. The etiology of the perforation is apparently obscure.

Of note, perioperative the esophagus appeared normal from the outside, concluding there was no transmural necrosis of the esophagus".

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Lakatos', written in a cursive style.

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