

Answering Reviewers

Thank you for your comments. In response to your comments/questions:

1. I have now amended that line in the conclusion of the abstract to say: "Routine colonoscopy may not be appropriate in patients with acute diverticulitis."
2. The basis for defining these terms is from the British Society of Gastroenterology guidelines where they divide patients who have polyps identified during colonoscopy into 3 categories: "High risk", "Intermediate risk", and "low risk" based on the number and size of polyps found, and this is used to decide the time frame of the next colonoscopy in the UK. "Advanced Adenomas" are those which have high risk features on histology such as large size, villous components, or high grade dysplasia. Adenomas can also be divided by size into "small" and "large" with a cut off of 1cm. We have described these definitions in the paper in the "Primary and secondary outcomes" section.

Hope the above is to your satisfaction.

Many Thanks