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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This original study clarified the correlation of SA level on postoperative day 2 with HLOS in patients undergoing emergency surgery for PPU. They found that SA level on postoperative day 2 was linked to the HLOS in patients undergoing emergency surgery for PPU. There are some questions for you. #1. Although the results of this study are statistically significant, the sample size is somewhat small, and did the authors analyze the reasons for only such a small number of eligible patients in the past 9 years? #2. For data on basic patient information, page 4 mentions one case died due to myocardial infarction, and the HLOS was 2 days, However, there is a contradiction between the fact that the hospital stay range for HLOS<7 days is 5-7 days. Which one is right? #3. What does Page 4 line "5 patients underwent laparoscopic surgery (4 patients underwent laparoscopic surgery)" mean? #4. Discussion requires more attention to the relationship between SA levels and length of hospital stay in patients with PPU after emergency surgery, why does SA level correlate with length of hospital stay? It is hoped that the authors will have more discussion.

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Dear Sir, I read with interest the manuscript entitled " Correlation of Serum Albumin Level on Postoperative Day 2 with Hospital Length of Stay in Patients undergoing Emergency Surgery for Perforated Peptic Ulcer". The manuscript is well designed and written. The introduction gives a good overview about the topic and the procedures are precisely described. However, some issues have to be addressed: 1. The current Introduction section is too simple to write and requires the addition of more perforated peptic ulcer background knowledge and data. 2. Main inclusion and exclusions should be listed in the Methods. 3. Information about the baseline can be organized into a table, which can be presented more clearly. 4. There are some unclear expressions, so editing and proofreading are needed to maintain the best sense of reading.