

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The review of the manuscript: Low serum albumin may predict poor efficacy in patients with perforated peptic ulcer treated nonoperatively: A single center experience The authors submitted the nice manuscript about the risk factors and predictors for nonoperative management of perforated peptic ulcer in adult population. Numbered comments: 1. Is the infusion of somatostatin a regular therapy for ulcer patient? 2. What do the authors mean by improvment in patient clinical condition? 3. Is CT of the abdomen standard procedure or is X-ray sufficient to confirm the perforation? 4. Do the authors have some data regarding the outcome depending on waiting time to the surgery in patients with ulcer disease?

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I revised the manuscript entitled “Low serum albumin may predict poor efficacy in patients with perforated peptic ulcer treated nonoperatively: A single center experience”

I have the following concerns: 1- It is not clear why the authors choose the nonoperative treatment of patients with PPU? This should be clarified 2- It should be clarified on what bases the authors assigned patients for non-operative treatment and others for operative treatment 3- The authors did not mention if endoscopic closure of PPU was applied or not and why? 4- The base line patient characteristics should include other factors that affect the serum albumin specially Liver disease or Renal disease 5- What is the explanation of the authors that the proportion of patients with serum albumin < 30 g/L was higher in the surgical group?