Author's response to reviews

Title: Short-term mortality after perforated or bleeding peptic ulcer among elderly patients. A population-based cohort study

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Dear Editor

We would like the enclosed manuscript, entitled "Short-term mortality after perforated or bleeding peptic ulcer among elderly patients - a population-based cohort study" to be considered for publication in BMC Geriatrics. Our report presents the result of our original research and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

We are interested in outcome of surgical emergencies among elderly patients. Despite some evidence of a high mortality after complicated peptic ulcer disease among elderly patients limited data exist this entity. Our findings indicate that age is indeed an important prognostic factor for both perforated and bleeding peptic ulcer. Furthermore, our results show that this association can not be explained by higher levels of comorbidity among elderly.

We believe that our findings are of interest for the readers of your distinguished journal and we look forward, therefore, to learning of your decision concerning our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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