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Dear Editor(s),

Thank you for your prompt reply to our submission. To comply with the requested changes we added the following text to the manuscript in the methods section: 'Written informed consent was obtained from the patient or from the legal representative when patients were temporary incapacitated due to the severity of their illness. The study was approved by the ethical committee of the Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.'

This study used data of a randomised trial but we were not able to provide the trial registration details in the online submission. The registration number was recognised by the system prohibiting further submission. Therefore, we checked the option 'not related to clinical trial'. Herewith we provide the registration details: ISRCTN51729393, http://www.controlledtrials.com/ISRCTN51729393/peritonitis.

Kinds regards,

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