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Dear Sir/Madame

We wish to submit the enclosed article to be considered for publication in Trials. Perforated diverticulitis is an acute condition and therefore of concern to all surgeons, regardless sub-speciality. Hence will this article be of interest to an extensive group and generate opinions from diverse standpoints.

The purpose of publishing this article is that there are so far no published studies regarding randomised trials on laparoscopic lavage, and only three ongoing studies, including DILALA. If the hypothesis remains intact, there will be evidence of advantageous alteration in operative approach, from the Hartmann’s Procedure to laparoscopic lavage on Hinchey III diverticulitis, resulting in a doctrine shift.

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Yours sincerely

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