Author's response to reviews

Title: Mesh penetrating the cecum and bladder following inguinal hernia surgery: a case report

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Dear Dr. Amrith Rao:

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Thank you very much for conducting a peer review and pointing out a number of issues pertaining to our research paper entitled “Mesh penetrating the cecum and bladder following inguinal hernia surgery: a case report.”

As shown below, we have modified the content, and would appreciate your further review.

- You have to report the fact that you administer antibiotics to the patient (which one you used, for how long, why...)

We have now included information about antibiotic administration in the manuscript.

- You wrote "[...] but the patient felt left testicular pain 2 days before 2 surgery, and echocardiography revealed swelling of the left epididymis". You performed testicular ultrasound, not echocardiography since echocardiography is a sonogram of the heart. Please, correct it.
As you pointed out, it was not "echocardiography". We have corrected the text to read "ultrasound examination".

- I think it would be better if you explain in the text why you performed a temporary bladder fistula. I believe that epididymitis is not a sufficient reason.

As partial cystectomy was being carried out, we considered it necessary to reduce intra-cystic pressure by some means or the other. The usual method for achieving this is by insertion a urethral catheter, but there were concerns that a urethral catheter could prolong epididymitis; hence, a temporary cystostomy was performed. We have now included this information in the manuscript.