

Exmo. Srs. Membros da Equipa Editorial da Acta Médica Portuguesa,

Muito obrigado pela resposta, para já favorável ao nosso artigo, e agradecemos todos os comentários enviados, que servirão para enriquecer o artigo. Esperamos desde já responder a todos os itens conforme esperado.

Todas as alterações realizadas estão marcadas no texto a cor diferente, e aparece a cinza clara riscada o que foi excluído.

**Editor comentário 1:**

**Resposta:** Conforme poderá ser verificado na nova versão, o inglês do artigo foi revisto por um “native speaker”, através do recurso a uma empresa especializada em serviços de “language polishing”.

**Editor comentário 2:**

**Resposta:** Incluímos esta informação no texto inicial dos resultados, conforme pode ser verificado na nova versão do manuscrito. Para além disso acrescentamos uma figura, para melhor exemplificar o processo de seleção. “Of the 78 articles found through database searching, only 21 satisfy the inclusions criteria, and have been included in our study (figure 1). “

**Editor comentário 3:**

**Resposta:** No resumo e no abstrat foi incluído um parágrafo independente referente à discussão, conforme assinado no texto.

**Editor comentário 4:**

**Resposta:** Conforme sugestão, alteramos no corpo do manuscrito a forma como apresentamos as referências bibliográficas, estando agora indicadas em expoente, conforme poderá ser verificado na nova versão do manuscrito.

**Editor comentário 5 e 6 :**

**Resposta:** A bibliografia foi alterada conforme os pedidos sugeridos.

**Revisor A comentário 1:**

**Resposta:** As it can be verified in the new version, the English of the article was reviewed by a native speaker, through the use of a company specialized in

"language polishing" services, thus having the English of the article been corrected, also taking into account the changes.

**Revisor A comentário 2:**

**Resposta:** We excluded from the methods the stamen "In order to gather information related to current international indicators...".

**Revisor A comentário 3:**

**Reposta:** We change the text for "A total of 21 papers have been select to our study, where we found 21 different clinical indicators. To better expose the clinical indicators found, we structure those according to the different phases of the surgical period: preoperative, perioperative and postoperative period. The clinical indicators found are presented in table I."

**Revisor A comentário 4:**

**Reposta:** As suggest for the revision, in change the text, and state the new two indicators that should be considered. "The Portuguese quality indicators for ambulatory surgery are globally well adapted to the international practices. Nevertheless, after analysing the relevant international literature, we figured that it would be important to consider two additional indicators of quality for ambulatory surgery found frequently on the articles reviewed: same day cancelations and patient satisfaction."

**Revisor B comentário 1:**

**Resposta:** Yes, when we used the term "standardised words", we want to said "mesh words". We correct this in the manuscript text.

**Revisor B comentário 2:**

**Resposta:** Foi retirada no texto do resumo em português a palavra "achamos", conforme pode ser verificado na nova versão. O título em português também foi alterado para "Indicadores de qualidade em cirurgia de ambulatório: uma revisão bibliográfica comparando a realidade portuguesa com o contexto internacional".

**Revisor B comentário 3:**

**Resposta:** A new paragraph was add to the methodology, where we answer to all the question perform by the Revisor. "Two independent researchers have performed the search work. It was a multistep research: two authors to identify those to include

in full-text screening screened first all the papers by the titles, and then by the abstracts independently. Any disagreements were resolved by discussion. Full-text screening was also conducted by two authors independently, and disagreements were again resolved by discussion. In case of any doubt between the two independent researchers, in any phase of the research a third researcher were consulted.” We also add in the results a figure (figure 1) that explain the multistep research.

**Revisor B comentário 4:**

**Resposta:** We excluded the “relevant medical journal” as database, since no papers was exclusive select by there.

**Revisor B comentário 5:**

**Resposta:** We add the information request by the Revisor at the manuscript.

“We undertook a comprehensive search between January of 1998 and November of 2016.”

“The information related to Portuguese indicators in quality evaluation of ambulatory surgery was obtained via the Portuguese Healthcare Regulation Authority’s website (<https://www.ers.pt/pages/232>) and Portuguese Association of Ambulatory Surgery (APCA) website (<http://www.apca.com.pt>), at November of 2016.”

**Revisor B comentário 6:**

**Resposta:** To answer this question, we included in the text of the manuscript “To better expose the clinical indicators found, we structure those according to the different phases of the surgical period: preoperative, perioperative and postoperative period.”

**Revisor B comentário 7:**

**Resposta:** ASA I patients means a normal healthy patient, by ASA classification. Although, to short the manuscript text, we excluded this part.

**Revisor B comentário 8:**

**Resposta:** To better answer this question, we add a new paragraphed in the manuscript: “Most of the clinical indicators that we have found in the literature and are not included in the Portuguese reality, are general related to all surgical procedure, and not specific for the ambulatory surgery, such as unanticipated complications, incidence of patients burns, incidence of patients falls, incidence of

wrong site, wrong side, wrong patient, wrong procedure or wrong implant surgery, influenza vaccination compliance, medications errors and prophylactic antibiotic timing.

Regarding to the others clinical indicators not include in the Portuguese quality indicators for ambulatory surgery, the two with more numbers of reference are same day cancelations (5) and patient satisfaction (12)."

**Revisor B comentário 9:**

**Resposta:** To answer this question, we add the explanation in the text: "Related to same day surgery cancellations it will be important to register not only the proportion, but also the main cause for it occurrence. With further studies, for example, by analysing the main causes for same day surgery cancellations, may be possible to intervene in those causes in order to reduce the same day surgery cancellations. Regarding to patients satisfaction, further studies are needed to determine how it will be measured and in which time (after the surgery, 30 days after the surgery) or in several times."

**Revisor B comentário 10:**

**Resposta:** As it can be verified in the new version, the English of the article was reviewed by a native speaker, through the use of a company specialized in "language polishing" services.

**Revisor B comentário 11:**

**Resposta:** The tables have been merged in only one table, as suggest, and the manuscript had also been review to short it.

Com os meus melhores cumprimentos,

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