Comment on “Serum C-reactive protein level after ventral hernia repair with mesh reinforcement can predict infectious complications: a retrospective cohort study”

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Dear Editor,

We read the publication on “Serum C-reactive protein level after ventral hernia repair with mesh reinforcement can predict infectious complications: a retrospective cohort study” with a great interest [1]. Pochhammer et al. concluded that “Our results indicate that postoperative serum CRP allows for early prediction of the postoperative course. Low CRP during the initial PODs is associated with lower risk of ICs [1].” Indeed, CRP is a non-specific biomarker. There are several factors, such as non-infectious stressors (immune disorder, trauma, etc. [2]), that might result in the alteration of CRP level [3]. As noted by Clyne et al., CRP has limitation is diagnosing infectious condition and normal CRP level does not imply that antibiotic is not necessary [4].

Compliance with ethical standards

Conflict of interest The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

Ethical approval For this type of study ethical approval is not required.

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