

Appendix 1: Complication rate of abdominal paracentesis from other similar studies

	Studies		
Complications	Gilani et al. 2009	Runyon 1986	Webster et al 1996
Study number	245	229	179
Post-paracentesis hypotension	4%	N/A	N/A
Leakage at site	1.6%	0.87% (2/229)	N/A
Abdominal wall haematoma	0.82%	0.44% (1/229)	0.56% (1/179)
Hemoperitoneum	0.41%	N/A	N/A
Intraperitoneal haemorrhage	N/A	N/A	1.68% (3/179)
Infection	0.41%	N/A	N/A
Secondary bacterial peritonitis	0.41%	0% (0/229)	N/A
Death	0% (0/245)	0% (0/229)	0% (0/179)
Pain	N/A	N/A	N/A
Erythema	N/A	N/A	N/A