

Answer to reviewers

R1: The authors report important data on acute appendicitis. The overall structure of the manuscript is complete. The topic is of major interest. The selection of the cases is correct. The pages of the manuscript have to be numbered. The manuscript has to be revised for medical English: ex add the article "the" before "mean Charlson's comorbidity index", "relapse" (Abstract); simplify/shorten sentences (ex Abstract conclusion, Introduction "Conservative management //", "Conservative treatment //", Discussion: 1st sentence 1st paragraph, 1st sentence 2nd paragraph, Conclusion). Please add the precise differences for gender and age (age categories may be more appropriate than age classes) in the results section. Please add years in the Discussion for "7-25 age" and "14-25". Please briefly note what "negative appendectomy" is. Please check for the use of capital letters for the tables and figures. For Tables 2,3 please change the titles of the columns in order to be self-explanatory: "open", "laparoscopic", "tot" may be too vague. The same for the figures: ex Figure 2, Figure 3 "the years": please add the precise years or reformulate.

A: pages were numerated. English was completely revised and corrected. all the mentioned suggestions were improved. Precise data on age and gender were reported in table 1. Negative appendectomy was briefly described. Tables and figures were improved and checked.

R2: Dear Authors. This is a well-written article with good statistical analysis. Minor grammatical and language corrections are needed. The information provided are of limited usefulness for the readership so I believe it has a low priority for publication.

A: grammatical corrections were provided.