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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJGIS_submission).

Title: Post-Colonoscopy Appendicitis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

REVIEWER NO 02445767: In response to "The manuscript would be substantially improved if it were published as a systematic review. The authors only need to undertake a literature search of MEDLINE, EMBASE, PUBMED etc... to search for all reports on this topic. A methods section should be included in the manuscript following the PRISMA guidelines for systematic reviews. Any additional studies could be added to the table and included in the discussion."

Thank you for your suggestions. We have changed our paper to reflect a systematic review, and follow PRISMA guidelines.

REVIEWER NO 00000245: In response to "The authors alternate between the use of the term 'endoscopy' and 'colonoscopy' when referring to an endoscopic exam of the colon. I think the more accurate term is colonoscopy. 2. The manuscript would be strengthened by adding images of the colonoscopy (appendiceal orifice) and histology of the appendix (including appendicolith and evidence of appendicitis). 3. Some of the references are incompletely listed without volume or page numbers."

We agree with your suggestion that colonoscopy is a more accurate term, and have updated our paper accordingly. In addition, we have identified a histology slide of the appendix demonstrating appendicitis. An image of the appendiceal orifice from colonoscopy is not available. Journal references have been updated accordingly.

REVIEWER NO 02512137: Thank you for your evaluation

In addition to these specific reviewer requests please make note of the following changes.

1. Format has been updated
2. References and typesetting were corrected

We thank the Editor and reviewers again for considering our manuscript and for the opportunity to revise it. We believe the manuscript is much improved as a result and hope that it will now be suitable for publishing in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*

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