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Yologlu S, Yilmaz S. Comparison of clinical and histopathological features of patients who underwent incidental or emergency appendectomy. *World J Gastrointest Surg.* 2019 Jan 27;11(1):19-26. doi: 10.4240/wjgs.v11.i1.19. For this reason, it is important that the introduction part is prepared according to these principles. also, the expression Carcinoid should no longer be used. Because developing an orthsk language all over the world is important in terms of preparing a homogeneous study. Therefore, it is more appropriate to define the article as the NET of the appendix. The authors used the phrase "Variables with  $P < 0.1$  in univariate analysis were considered for the multivariable model" in the statistical analysis section. It would be appropriate to provide a reference for this expression. It is seen that most of the continuous variables in the tables do not show normal distribution. Therefore, the median and mean should not be given at the same time. Median (min-max) is sufficient. You can use the following tutorial for this. Akbulut S, Sahin TT, Yilmaz S. Comment on pediatric living donor liver transplantation decade progress in Shanghai: Characteristics and risks factors of mortality. *WorldJ Gastroenterol.* 2020;26(30):4564-4566. I could not understand why tens of cut points are used in Table-5. This will only create confusion. The optimal cutoff point can be easily calculated by ROC analysis. This table definitely needs to be revised. In my opinion, the statistical analysis sections of the article should be revised by a biostatistician who is familiar with clinical issues.