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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13005 -review.doc).

**Title: A rare cause of appendicitis: mechanical obstruction due to fasciolopsis buski infestation**

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

1. The 'INTRO' section does not contain any info about trematode causing appendicitis. The last sentence should read "We herewith present 2 cases of.....". That has been updated.

2. What exactly is "a metastatic right lower abdominal pain"?  
"a metastatic right lower abdominal pain" was corrected to "the shifting pain in right lower quadrant".

3. What do you mean "so we considered the local appendix was wrapped"?  
It was corrected to "so we considered that periappendicural inflammation was very serious."

4. Authors must clearly explain why colonoscopy was done for both patients, which thereby lead to the diagnosis (and treatment) of Fasciolopsis buski  
The parasites were sent to the parasite office of CDC and were diagnosed as fasciolopsis buski. After another for centrifugal precipitation of this patient defecate smear, find Fasciolopsis buski eggs under a microscope

5. The 'DISCUSSION' section should contain less details of Fasciolopsis buski and more on the worm causing appendicitis  
That has been updated.

6. Title should be changed, something like this "A Rare cause of appendicitis: mechanical obstruction due to fasciolopsis buski infestation"  
That has been updated.

7. There are interesting cases with appropriate pictures. However is not clear the diagnostic of appendicitis. It would be important considered the Alvarado Scale and the ultrasonographic signs for diagnostic of appendicitis (tubular structure, aperistolic, and NOT compressible, parietal Diameter greater than 6mm, with absence or increased vascularity and pain with transducer compress). It would appear that cause of the symptoms and

signs belong to cecum inflammation causing chronic abdominal pain. The focus of the discussion would be in diagnostic clinic, radiological or endoscopic from disease that causes chronic abdominal pain.

That has been updated.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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