

Dear Editor-In-Chief,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18108-review.doc).

**Title:** Mucocele of the appendix: An unusual cause of lower abdominal pain in a patient with ulcerative. A case report and review of the literature

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Corrections suggested by The Editor

(1) Figure numbers have been updated to be in order from first mention in the text.

Response to Reviewer's Comments

(1) This is an interesting and well conducted study reinforcing the usefulness of TTE during invasive procedure. There are only minor issues that Authors should address.

- We are most grateful for Reviewer #1's kind appraisal. We have done our best to address the minor issues highlighted.

(2) Please state clearly the advantage of using TTE also considering costs, availability and lack of ionising radiations.

- We have included explicit statements regarding the above points in the Introduction (Page 6, lines 26 - 28)

(3) There are several other settings in which echocardiography is useful during invasive procedures to assess the good placement of catheters. A summary table would be useful.

- We thank Reviewer #1 for this most valuable recommendation. We have added Table 5 where we have included a comprehensive summary of how TTE may assist optimal PAC placement in a variety of circumstances.

(4) In the discussion section of the manuscript Authors could expand a little on the echo technology. Hand held machines are suitable and their use should be highly encouraged in clinical daily practice outside cardiology, provided an appropriate training is done.

- We have included a brief dissertation on the topics that Reviewer #1 has suggested at the start of the Discussion (Page 15, Lines 3 - 11), commenting on technology, evidence for influence in change in clinical decision making, and evidence for efficacy of focused echocardiography training outside cardiology.