

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Clinical Cases

**Manuscript NO:** 45583

**Title:** Laparoscopic appendectomy for elemental mercury sequestration in the appendix:  
A case report

**Reviewer's code:** 00050424

**Reviewer's country:** Greece

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article should be shortened, especially the abstract, core tip and introduction. It is too long for a case report.

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an very interesting case report. Accept for publication.

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting and uncommon clinical situation. Therefore, it is worth of publishing. However, the paper is written in a poor English language, and it is too extensive for such a case report. The main question is if there is a real need for



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appendicectomy when mercury is within the appendix, not if conservative measures are successful or not in mercury ingestion. This should focus in the core tip, which indeed is too extended. The description of the case can be shortened as well, and some clinical data avoided, not being substantial for the report. Even the discussion could be condensed, mainly emphasizing the appendiceal involvement in mercury ingestion more than all the toxicological implication. References are updated and complete Figures: I would reduce them, keeping only fig. 1A, 2 and 4

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**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript offers a case report on a patient with elemental mercury sequestration in the appendix, including a review of the literature and illustrative pictures. Discussion, paragraph 4: "Trendelburg position" -> Trendelenburg position. Ethical



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approval and consent: "befor" -> before. The format of reference list is not consistent.

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This manuscript report a case undeegoing laparoscopic appendectomy for elemental mercury sequestration in the appendix. 1. Authors mention in Discussion section that conservative therapy with special body position has been reported to be useful. Did



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authors perform this special body position? 2. Was not mercury accumulation decreased in the appendix before laparoscopic appendectomy?

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