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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This case report describes the occurrence of appendicitis after colonoscopy in a single case

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS**

1. The indication for colonoscopy in this case. Clarification required
2. the term "without any pathological biopsy" is unusual and should be revised. It could be reworded as 'with no pathological findings' OR 'with normal endoscopic and histologic findings'
3. The term "intestinal cleanliness" is also unusual. Perhaps the bowel preparation was suboptimal
4. the term "she received antibiotics" might be better phrased as "she was managed with antibiotics..."
5. the INTRO is one long paragraph. Please divide to enhance readability
6. was she diagnosed with appendicitis 10 hours after colonoscopy or did she start having symptoms 10 hours after? developed appendicitis 10 hours after colonoscopy is very specific
7. Is figure 1 really required? suggest to delete
8. The case presentation could be structured in a more standard fashion rather than staccato sections
9. the term fecoliths should be used
10. Can a CT definitively actually show inflammation? suggest to rephrase to describe the findings, such as wall thickening and so on. Whilst these findings on imaging may well represent inflammation, the outline should be more precise
11. Figure 2 includes an



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arrow. This should be explained in the figure legend 12. abdominal pain is described a symptom of colonoscopy. While pain may follow colonoscopy the current phrase should be reworded 13. There are numerous additional awkward sentences with poor construction. These impact adversely on readability. The whole MS should be carefully revised with regards to sentence structure, language and grammar 14. Please revise all references and correct those that do not fit the journal instructions. Some journal title abbreviations are incorrect, for example