

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Excellent article with database with large number of patients and long examination period which means that the results and conclusion could be accurate. Today as authors stated in one section that appendicitis could be treated conservatively is true, for probably inflammatory pathophysiology of appendicitis. Obstructive type cannot be treated conservatively because perforation is inevitable in such conditions. It would be interesting to see if this increase in appendicitis rare in warmer part of the year are due to obstructive or inflammatory type if it is possible to see from the database.

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Dear Sirs, The authors should be omit Figure 3, If they study a roc curve and calculate odds ratio between temperature and acute appendicitis rate the message will be more valuable, Conclusion section should write attractive for readers. With my compliments

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in this well written paper, some data about incidence of AA in warmer countries (US, southern europe, africa) could be added in the discussion section, for compare if the general incidence in finland (a country with a mean temperature of about 4 degrees and 10 degrees in the warmer period) is lower than in warmer countries, in which the higher temperatures in Finland are comparable to the lowest temperatures of the year. The small difference between the mean temperatures in the warm and cold period and the low mean annual temperature in Finland could be considered ad possible bias for generalize your conclusions, and should be stated in the discussion section.