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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Well written manuscript, you have certainly described an unique concept! Few thoughts: 1. In your study, you "convert open appendectomies to laparoscopic procedures during complicated cases instead of lengthening the incision". Why not attempt laparoscopy to start with? Since conversion rate for laparoscopic to open appendectomy is now almost zero percent in most centers worldwide, this strategy seems more effecient than your proposal. This is my view. Perhaps, you can recommend your technique to centers where open appendectomies as first choice are being done? 2. Your comparison methods are flimsy, in the ABSTRACT section there is no mention of comparing anything. How did you assign patients to the two arms? 3. Change title to "A New Strategy During Complicated Open Appendectomy: Convert Open Operation to Laparoscopy"