

## ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is well written and describes the results well. The conclusions are well founded. The study adds to several others looking at the diameter of the normal appendix. These data are consistent with other reports on the normal appendix, as indicated by the authors. (The previous literature was well-documented.) However, the authors may also wish to examine a recent review of the appendix (Laurin, Everett and Parker, 2011: The Anatomical Record 294:567-579) which describes a number of additional studies regarding appendix size. The authors state several "weaknesses", but these are in fact not weaknesses and are readily debunked by the authors. (The statements of limitations which are not actually limitations is not necessary.) One limitation to the study is evident: Why were the patients with a prior appendectomy excluded? Including these patients would have provided an excellent test of the radiologists' ability to accurately find the appendix. (False positives would have been extremely telling.)