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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (Ilves et al manuscript.docx).

Title: Seasonal Variations of Acute Appendicitis and Nonspecific Abdominal Pain in Finland

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Thank you for the favorable response and valuable criticism concerning our manuscript. We have responded to all comments and advices of referees. All revisions and changes are labeled, and a separate list for referees is also included. The professional, from English language editing service "<http://www.servicescape.com/>", has checked the manuscript.

Reviewer 1

The data of inc of AA in warmer countries was added.

The small differences between the mean temperatures in Finland were considered and were stated in the discussion section.

TO REVIEWER 2

We left the figure 3 in the manuscript because we found it is informative. However, we do not protest if Editors of the World Journal of Gastroenterology prefer to remove it.

Instead the roc curve we used Poisson regression analysis, which was recommended by our statistician.

The results were included in the "results".

Conclusion section has been rewritten.

TO REVIEWER 3

Unfortunately our data does not allow a comparison between the obstructive type of AA and a non-obstructive type of AA.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Imre Ilves', with a stylized, cursive script.

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