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Dear Editor,

Thank you for recommending publication of our manuscript entitled “OPTimizing IMaging in suspected APPendicitis (OPTIMAP-study): A multicenter diagnostic accuracy study of MRI in patients with suspected acute appendicitis. Study Protocol” in BMC Emergency Medicine (MS: 5121653234235621).

We have revised the manuscript:

1) The name of the committee which granted ethical approval for our study is now included in the manuscript under the paragraph 'ethical considerations' in the method section.

2) We documented that the participants will be asked to give informed consent more clearly in the paragraphs 'study population' and 'ethical considerations'. Eligible patients will be informed about the study and invited to participate. Only patients who give written informed consent will be included in the study.

3) We removed the documents which were attached as additional files; the Letter of approval by the medical ethics committee of the initiating hospital (METC Academic Medical Center Amsterdam) and the letter of acceptance of The Dutch Organization for Health Research and Development, Health Care Efficiency Research programme (ZonMw, grant number 171001005)

4) The abstract and trial registration number are now included in the manuscript.

On behalf of the OPTIMAP study group,

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