Reviewer’s report

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General
Informed consent should be obtained from study subjects.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
In current opinions, conservative treatment for epiploic appendagitis is suggested to avoid unnecessary surgery. Only ten cases were enrolled in this study and nine received surgical interventions. The authors did not mention the observation duration of these 9 patients that epiploic appendagitis did not recur. Conversely, they did not tell us epiploic appendagitis did recur in the only one patient receiving conservative treatment. The authors easily make the conclusion that surgical therapy is favorable to prevent recurrence.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
In discussion part, repeated phrases of anatomy and pathophysiology of epiploic appendagitis were used.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.