Reviewer's report

**Title:** Subhepatically located appendix due to adhesions and foetal malrotation: two case reports

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**Reviewer:** Dileep Lobo

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: None

**Has the case been reported coherently?**: Yes

**Is the case report authentic?**: Yes

**Is this case worth reporting?**: No

**Is the case report persuasive?**: No

**Does the case report have explanatory value?**: Yes

**Does the case report have diagnostic value?**: Yes

**Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?**: No

**Is the anonymity of the patient protected?**: Yes

**Comments to authors:**

The revised version of this paper emphasises the diagnostic difficulties caused by a subhepatic (or malpositioned) appendix. It is rightly pointed out that this possibility must be considered when dealing with the acute abdomen.

However, I am not entirely certain that this knowledge made a difference to outcome. In case 2, a subhepatic appendix was diagnosed preoperatively, but the appendix was normal on laparoscopy and not resected. Hence, no definite cause of pain was found and the question about impact on clinical outcome remains unanswered.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests