Reviewer's report

Title: An inflamed necrotic appendix epiploicum with immediate contact to a non-inflamed appendix vermiformis: A case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

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:

I would like to thank the Editor of the Journal of Medical Case Reports for giving me the opportunity to review this interesting case. The authors describe a patient presenting with signs and symptoms clinically consistent with the diagnosis of acute appendicitis. During the operative course they found a necrotic appendix epiploicum on a non-inflamed appendix vermiformis. Although inflamed or necrotic appendix epiploicae in the right or left lower quadrant have been previously reported, it is to my best knowledge the first case of its kind as in this case the necrotic appendix epiploicum has direct contact with the appendix which makes it prone to mimicking acute appendicitis. This case reminds every general/abdominal surgeon that although laboratory and clinical signs of acute appendicitis are present there is still a chance that an inflamed appendix epiploicum is causative.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests