Author's response to reviews

Title: Amyand's hernia: a case series

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With respect to the Reviewers’ comments, this is a “point by point” response:

Reviewer 1

We appreciate the valuable general comments.

Reviewer 2

1. We cut - delete the first paragraph of the discussion: “Although rare...for some time.”, to avoid a repetition of history.

2. We add the last paragraph in Discussion: “Looking carefully our cases, in case 1, due to the presence of acute inflammation - appendicitis, we decided not to placed a mesh, guarding the hernia repair of possible future extension of inflammation in the mesh. In contrast, a mesh was placed in cases 2 and 3 with a normal appendix in their sac. However, in these cases, we decided not to proceed with appendectomy, because this additional procedure would lead to potential damage of the plastic hernia repair. In case 4, due to the young age of the patient and because of the long appendix in his sac, we considered that the increased likelihood for appendicitis in the future, made attractive and useful the decision for individual appendectomy in this patient. Consequently, our recommendation is that the performance of appendectomy in such patients or/and the mesh-plug technique should always be individualized.”


5. We made the necessary linguistic revision:

1. Abstract - Case presentations: we replaced the “a” with the “an”.

2. Introduction - Second paragraph: we replaced the phrase “Should an appendectomy….of debate and discussion.” with the phrase: “If an appendectomy should be performed at the same stage with the hernia repair, has been a question of debate and discussion.”

3. Case Series, first line: We added the word “in”.

4. Case Series, first paragraph: We replaced the word “Greek” with the word “Caucasian”.

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