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Reply to the Editors’ comments

With respect to the Editors’ comments, we made all the necessary changes in this revised version of the manuscript.

1. In the introduction section the phrase "11-years-old boy" changed to "11-year-old boy".

2. The sentence "If an appendectomy should be performed at the same stage with the hernia repair, has been a question of debate and discussion." Replaced with "Whether or not an appendectomy should be performed at the same stage with the hernia repair is debatable."

3. When presenting each patient case, we start with the age and then the sex.

4. The sentence "In addition, surgical manipulations to achieve visualization of the entire appendix and its base by enlarging the hernial defect or distending the neck of the hernial sac, they all increase the possibility of recurrence, by weakening of the anatomic structures around the defect [2,5,7,10]." Replaced with "In addition, surgical manipulations to achieve visualization of the entire appendix and its base by enlarging the hernial defect or distending the neck of the hernial sac all increase the possibility of recurrence by weakening of the anatomic structures around the defect [2,5,7,10]."

5. "The decision is rather based on common sense related to the patient’s age and life expectancy, its lifelong risk of developing acute appendicitis, the size and the overall anatomy of the appendix." replaced with "The decision is rather based on common sense related to the patient’s age, life expectancy, lifelong risk of developing acute appendicitis, and the size and overall anatomy of the appendix."

6. "Paediatric or adolescent patients have a significantly higher risk of developing acute appendicitis and should therefore have their appendix be removed, compared to middle-aged or elderly individuals in whom the appendix should probably be left behind [4,5]." Replaced with "Paediatric or adolescent patients have a significantly higher risk of developing acute appendicitis and should therefore have their appendices removed, compared to middle-aged or elderly individuals in whom the appendix should probably be left behind [4,5]."

7. "A long, curved appendix have a higher risk of inflammation, and additionally, a long appendix which stretches the ceacum may cause chronic
pain if left behind." Replaced with "Long, curved appendices have a higher risk of inflammation. Additionally a long appendix which stretches the ceacum may cause chronic pain if left behind."

8. ".even the hernioplasty may be contraindicated if the patient’s condition is poor or his life expectancy is limited." Replaced with "...even the hernioplasty may be contraindicated if the patient’s condition is poor or life expectancy is limited."

9. "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." Replaced with "Looking carefully at our cases, in case 1, due to the presence of acute inflammation - appendicitis, we decided not to place a mesh, guarding the hernia repair from possible future extension of inflammation in the mesh."

10. "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." Replaced with "In case 4, given the young age of the patient and the long appendix in his sac, we decided that the increased likelihood for appendicitis in the future necessitated an individual appendectomy."

11. In the conclusion section, the sentence "The question if he should perform an appendectomy at the same time with the hernia repair depends on many conditions, which should be counterbalanced." Replaced with "The question if one should perform a simultaneous appendectomy and hernia repair is multifactorial."

12. The consent section replaced to: "Written informed consent was obtained from all patients for publication of this case series and any accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor-in-Chief of this journal."

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