Author's response to reviews

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Dear Prof Kidd,

We thank the Journal of Medical Case Reports editorial team and the reviewers for taking the time to review our manuscript ‘Synchronous presentation of acute acalculous cholecystitis and appendicitis in a 23 year old male’. We feel the recommendations made have improved our paper considerably and hope that we may look forward to publication in the Journal in due course. Please find bellow our response to the individual comments.

Many thanks,

Kind regards,

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Reviewer 1:

Comment: I think that a comment about the controversy between early and late laparoscopic cholecystectomy for cholecystitis is necessary.
Response: A discussion of this issue is detailed in red in the conclusions section.

Reviewer 2:

Comment: I don’t think that the photo of acute appendicitis is so persuasive, so I think it would be better to replace it with a better one.
Response: Unfortunately this is the only photo the authors had taken; we feel the associated histology provides supportive evidence of appendicitis in this case.