Reviewer's report

Title: Acute appendicitis as a result of Enterobius vermicularis infection of the appendix in a 52 year old man: a case report.

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Section abstract:

1. “Acute appendicitis as a result of Enterobius Vermicularis is a very rare incident, affecting mostly children” should be replaced by “Acute appendicitis due to Enterobius Vermicularis is very rare, affecting mostly children”

2. “Adult infection is even rarer, in our case it concerned a 52 year old male. A patients age that to our knowledge has not ever been reported in the literature.” This phrase should be replaced by a phrase stating the goal of the case.

3. “The patient referred to our clinics emergency department” A clinic is administratively smaller than a department. You should rephrase as follow: “The patient referred to the emergencies…”
4. “(McBurnay point)” I imaging that the authors mean McBurney sign...!!!

5. “a diagnostic workup suggesting acute appendicitis.” It adds nothing to the case and should be removed.

6. “An open appendectomy ...” should be “Open appendectomy…”

7. “The histopathological examination revealed ....” Should be replaced by “Pathology revealed …”

Section Introduction:
1. “Children being affected 4-28% worldwide [2-6].” This phrase should include a verb...

2. “… is the most common method of human transfer..” should be rephrased into “is the most common route of human transfer…”

3. “pruritis ani” should be replaced by pruritus.

Section Case presentation:
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6. Did pathology show any signs of acute appendicitis?

7. What was the “appropriate treatment administered”? Should be mentioned in the text

8. What was the follow up? How was disease free (E.Vermicularis free) period determined?

Section Discussion:
1. “…a Turkish paper refers an age mean average 38 +/- 15,75…” should be rephrased into “…Yildirim et al mention an age mean of 38 ±15.75 years…”

2. “…0,2 – 41,8%...” should be “…0.2-41.8%”

3. “…settle this controvercy.” Should be “…settle this controversy.”


Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'