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Title: Unusual Cause of Chronic Abdominal Pain: Appendiceal Mucinous Neoplasm with Incidental Ileal Endometriosis

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Dear Ms. Pangan

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to ask you to consider our manuscript entitled "Unusual Cause of Chronic Abdominal Pain: Appendiceal Mucinous Neoplasm with Incidental Ileal Endometriosis" for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports as a case report. This report highlights Appendiceal Mucinous Neoplasm with Incidental Ileal Endometriosis, which is of special interest because this is a rare case and has never been reported. The patient has provided permission to publish these features of her case, and the identity of the patient has been protected.

We feel that the findings described in this case report will be of special interest to the readers of Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Without wishing to take a liberty, my coauthors and I would like to suggest, as potential referees, Dr. Takanori Kurogochi <ms03kurogochi@jikei.ac.jp>, Dr. Tetsuji Fujita <fujitetsu@jikei.ac.jp>, Dr. Naoko Iida <naoko_iida@hotmail.co.jp>, Dr. Ken Etoh <etoken@jikei.ac.jp>, Dr. Masaichi Ogawa <masatchmo1962@yahoo.co.jp>, Dr. Katsuhiko Yanaga <kyanaga@jikei.ac.jp>

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Sincerely,

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We have recently encountered a middle-aged lady with a long history of chronic self-limiting lower abdominal pain. She was found to have an appendiceal tumor on CT. At operation, a hard tumor was unexpectedly found in the terminal ileum and was proved to be endometriosis on histological examination. Such a case has not previously been reported, therefore, we would like to submit the details in this case to Journal of Medical Case Report.”