Reviewer's report

Title: Laparoscopic versus open appendectomy in patients with suspected appendicitis: a systematic review of meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials

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Discretionary revisions: in discussion the authors cite different approaches to the treatment of acute appendicitis and the references 21,22 are intended to compare single incision laparoscopic appendectomy (LA) vs conventional three port LA. this should be mentioned more specifically in the text and I would also introduce the conservative antibiotic therapy as an alternative (cit. Di Saverio S, Sibilio A, Giorgini E, Biscardi A, Villani S, Coccolini F, Smerieri N, Pisano M, Ansaloni L, Sartelli M, Catena F, Tugnoli G. The NOTA Study (Non Operative Treatment for Acute Appendicitis): prospective study on the efficacy and safety of antibiotics (amoxicillin and clavulanic acid) for treating patients with right lower quadrant abdominal pain and long-term follow-up of conservatively treated suspected appendicitis. Ann Surg. 2014 Jul;260(1):109-17.).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests