Author’s response to reviews

Title: Seasonal variations in the occurrence of acute appendicitis and their relationship with the presence of fecaliths in children

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(The recent changes in the manuscript was typed in red color.)
The authors performed most of the requested corrections but there are still some parts of the text that need to be revised before possible acceptance of the manuscript:

1. The authors added hypothesis but not primary and secondary outcome measurements of the study. Please include it after hypothesis in methodology section

These sentences were added: “Our primary goal is to find out the differences of AA in summer and non-summon months, and hopefully the seasonal pattern of the onset of AA can be explained. The secondary goal is to compare the postoperative complications in these two patient groups.” Thank you for the suggestion.

2. The authors were asked to describe surgical procedure. They just stated that ”the patients underwent single-port or three-port laparoscopic surgery under general anesthesia” but they did not explain procedure. Please describe procedure or provide adequate reference. Maybe ref. No 1 and 3 may be suitable

The surgical management of AA (referred to reference 1) were added in the section of Method. Thank you.

3. It was requested to compare complications between two observed groups. The authors just compared perforations/abscess. What about other complications (wound infections, ileus, stump dehiscence...)

Complications such as wound infection, ileus, postoperative intrabdominal abscess, hospital stay were mentioned. These data were added in Table 1 too. Thank you.
4. Description why most of the children received CT scan should be mentioned in methodology. Please provide paragraph in methodology about diagnostic procedures and describe how the children were selected for surgery, and which diagnostic tools were used. There you can describe about CT

The description of children received CT scan was added in the section of Method. Thank you

5. It is not usual to referee Tables in discussion. It has already mentioned in methodology. Please remove "(Table 3)" and "(Table 2)" from discussion

"(Table 3)" and "(Table 2)" were removed from discussion. Thank you for the suggestion.

6. Tables are now much improved. In all Tables please provide units/metrics... Eg. Age (year) (mean±SD), or AA with fecalith (n(%))... or Table 2 and 3... n(%) for all of the investigated parameters

The tables were corrected as suggested. Thank you.