Reviewer’s report

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

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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

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

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...)

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

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

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
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