Author’s response to reviews

Title: Acute appendicitis: A case report of an unusual foreign body

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Reviewer #1 suggested including a comment on the necessity to avoid oral sex and to also cite a study regarding acute abdominal infections

Authors' response

The manuscript has been sufficiently updated in this regard with the introduction of paragraph 4 (page 4) in the discussions in order to make the paper more educative and bring to light other dangers of oral sex. A conclusion to that effect has been introduced accordingly in the conclusion section. Also, the said citation has been done and it’s the second in the references.

Reviewer #2 highlighted the importance of a brief review of literature in the discussions sections with respect to foreign bodies in the appendix and to also provide a histopathological report of the appendiceal specimen if possible.
Authors' response

A more extensive and thorough review of literature has been done on foreign bodies lodged in the vermiform appendix. The findings have been used to update paragraph 2 (page 3) of the discussions section. Regarding the inflammatory process, the authors agree with the reviewer’s concern for a histopathological study. Unfortunately, this was not done due to the fact that the appendectomy was done in a rural health centre with no access to such services. More so, the local cultural beliefs hampered our efforts to transport the sample out of the village to a tertiary centre for such studies. However, our diagnosis of acute appendicitis was based on the elements of the validated Alvarado scoring system.