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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Recently a study was published evaluating appendiceal caliber and its diagnostic yield in pediatric appendicitis in the context of a multivariable index. It is interesting to consider as a tool a multivariable score that includes items from different areas (clinical, analytical and radiological). I recommend reviewing it and including the reference Arredondo Montero J, Bardaji Pascual C, Antona G, Ros Briones R, López-Andrés N, Martín-Calvo N. The BIDIAP index: a clinical, analytical and ultrasonographic score for the diagnosis of acute appendicitis in children. Pediatr Surg Int. 2023 Apr 10;39(1):175. doi: 10.1007/s00383-023-05463-5. PMID: 37038002; PMCID: PMC10085908. Clarify in the abstract that the study is retrospective. The introduction begins abruptly. It is not correct to start a paper by saying "It has been recommended". The methodology selected for patient inclusion could constitute a selection bias. Ideally, the authors should have compared the sample analyzed with the total potentially eligible population at the beginning of the study. Clarify as a limitation. There is great variability in the professionals who performed the ultrasound study. Consider as a limitation. Were they radiologists or was it POCUS? Histopathologic classification: Specify (describe) that it
was considered phlegmonous, gangrenous and perforated appendicitis. Specify (describe) what was considered a negative appendectomy. Specify which test was used to assess the normality of the distribution of quantitative variables. Although the authors clarify that an expert English reviewer was used, there are expressions in the text that sound unnatural or forced. Review (e.g., The receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve was drawn; veteran sonographer). this study magnifies the diagnostic yield since it does not include patients without appendicular identification, this should be added as a limitation. Explain Youden's formula (J). Clarify whether p