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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3032-review.doc).

Title: Mucocele of the appendix due to endometriosis: A rare case report

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

1 The format has been updated.

2 Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

- (1) "there were more than 8 case reports with mucocele of the appendix due to endometriosis on Pubmed search with key words "mucocele of appendix and endometriosis". Possibly, the authors did not count the cases of appendiceal mucocele secondary to endometriosis in some appendectomy case series with different pathology. The authors need to revise the literature review."

Thank you for your advice. There are 21 papers that result from a PubMed search with the keywords "mucocele of appendix and endometriosis". We excluded 2 Italian papers, 1 Spanish paper, 1 Slovakian paper, and 2 German papers. There was no relation between mucocele and endometriosis in 6 appendectomy case series with different pathology and 1 case report. Therefore, we added 2 case reports to the literature review.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,

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