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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The topic should have better be “ Pattern of presentation and treatment outcomes...” Line 11- between “ should change to “ within” Line 17- remove “majority” Line23- Keywords inappropriate Line 30- this statement is inappropriate. It may possibly be one of leading cause of surgical mortality and not admission Line 35- your comment should be in reference to ruptured appendix and not appendicitis. Then you can now link this to incidence of appendicitis Line 72- discuss how you arrive at diagnosis in your centre	Thank you for your very appropriate reviews Changes have been effected
Minor REVISION comments	Line 120- full establishment of infection following contamination takes about 5-7 days in most cases. Your reference should have been 7 days. Line 153 – the only treatment offered was open laparotomy Line 161 – does the mortality cases correlate with the patients that presented after 2 weeks of onset. Line 168 – the conditions were not obscure but there is delay in presentation due to poverty and ignorance	Line 120- Yes I fully agree but in this environment many patients present late because they resort to alternative treatment and patent medicine stores; this is the reason we recommend intensive public health education Line 153-Since patients present late, and could hardly afford much laparotomy remain common option. Line 161- Yes mortality correlates with late presentation from our observation in keeping with prolonged derangement of physiological parameters Line 168- obscure in the sense of multiplicity of differential diagnosis
Optional/General comments		