Clarification

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To the editor

We have gone through the letter sent to the editor by our esteemed readers regarding the conservative management of acute appendicitis (AA). We are highly thankful for their valuable suggestions which are well-taken. We also appreciate their concerns and their keen interest in the study. Here, we would like to mention that none of our patients refused to accept the study and none of our patients requested for any change in the line of treatment. Only two patients were excluded from the study because of increasing abdominal

pain and generalized peritonitis and subsequent data was discounted.

We agree with the view that despite the fact that conservative treatment could be cost-effective, avoiding the unnecessary surgery and associated morbidity and mortality, surgery is still the gold standard for AA. Further, as we have already mentioned in the manuscript, well-designed randomized controlled trials in a large population are still needed to establish the superiority of antibiotic treatment over surgery in AA.

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