

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: **IJAR-53572**

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**Title:** Breaking Barriers: When Appendiceal Disease Travels Off Course

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....  
☒ Accept after minor revision.....  
 Accept after major revision .....  
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		√		
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity			√	
Significance		√		

Reviewer Name: Dr **Touseef Malik**

Date: 29/08/2025

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

This manuscript presents a rare and clinically significant case series on unusual extraperitoneal manifestations of appendiceal diseases, including mucinous adenocarcinoma and retroperitoneal abscess formation. The case-based approach, supported by imaging and histopathology, offers valuable insights for clinicians in recognizing atypical presentations and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention. The article contributes to the existing literature by documenting rare occurrences and emphasizing the importance of timely surgical management. Minor refinements to the structure, discussion depth, and referencing are recommended before publication.

**Recommendation:** Accept after minor revision

## Detailed Reviewer's Report

### Strengths

- Novelty & Relevance:** The manuscript highlights rare extraperitoneal appendiceal pathologies, which are scarcely reported but clinically important.
- Case Documentation:** Detailed clinical presentation, imaging findings (CT, USG), surgical interventions, and histopathology strengthen the diagnostic and educational value.
- Practical Implications:** Emphasizes early clinical suspicion, imaging, and prompt surgical intervention to reduce morbidity.
- Clarity of Presentation:** Structured sections (abstract, cases, discussion, conclusion, teaching points) aid readability and serve as an educational resource.
- Contribution to Literature:** Enhances awareness among surgeons and radiologists of atypical appendiceal disease progression.

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### Weaknesses

1. **Methodological Framing:** While descriptive, the paper would benefit from a clearer explanation of case selection criteria and follow-up outcomes.
2. **Discussion Depth:** The discussion could more explicitly compare these cases with similar reports in international literature.
3. **Language & Grammar:** Several minor grammatical and formatting errors should be edited for smoother academic flow.
4. **Figures & Tables:** Some imaging figures could benefit from better annotations or captions for clarity.
5. **Referencing Style:** In-text citations and references require formatting consistency according to journal standards.