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Is Appendectomy a Risk Factor for Crohn's Disease Onset or Development in the Western Algerian Population?

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1 Original submission

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Gholamreza Soleimani Reviewer

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It is suitable for publication. I reached this conclusion after a thorough review.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Dear Editor

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit a revised draft of my manuscript titled "**Is appendectomy a risk factor of crohn's disease onset or development in western Algerian population ?** " to "**Zahedan Journal of Research in Medical Sciences**" we appreciate the time and effort that you and the reviewers have dedicated to providing your valuable feedback on our manuscript, we are grateful to the reviewers for their insightful comments on our paper, We have been able to incorporate changes to reflect most of the suggestions provided by the reviewers. We have highlighted the changes within the manuscript.

Here is a point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments and concerns.

Comments from Reviewer 1

We would like to Thank you for careful and thorough reading of this manuscript and for the thoughtful comments and constructive suggestions, which help to improve the quality of this manuscript. Please find the following corrections with highlighted parts in revised manuscript. Our response follows (the comments are in *italics*).

Comment 1 : *It is more valuable to check data distribution upon normality and then using parametric or non-parametric test.*

Reply: Thank you for pointing this out. Normality was tested as suggested. The sample data was drawn from a normally distributed population.

Comment 2 : *Do not start a line with Number*

Reply: thank you for your comments. The correction has been made

Comments from Reviewer 2

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Comment 1 : *Please check percents in tables. They are incorrect. Then check p-values.*

Reply: We agree with this and have incorporated your suggestion throughout the manuscript.

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Editor-in-Chief

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Comment 1 : *The median age at diagnosis was 36.88 ± 12.47" Did you report median or mean in text?.*

Reply: Thank you for pointing this out. We reported the mean age, The correction has been made

Comment 2 : *Please check percents in tables. All of percents are incorrect*

Reply: We agree with this and have incorporated your suggestion throughout the manuscript

Comment 3 : *Then check p-values. For example 41 females is equal to 51 percent(=41/81) but you reported 10.2 and ... P = <0.0001 isn't correct. P<0.0001 is correct*

Reply: Thank you for pointing this out. we have incorporated your suggestion throughout the manuscript.

3 Revision 2

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Editor-in-Chief

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