

Supplementary

Table S1 Differential diagnoses found at laparoscopy for suspected appendicitis

Diagnosis	Male	Female
Mesenteric adenitis	4	17
Ruptured ovarian cyst	–	15
Retrograde menstruation	–	6
Pelvic inflammatory disease	–	5
Appendagitis epiploicae	2	–
Omental torsion*	2	–
Meckel's diverticulum	1	2
Diverticulitis	1	–
Terminal ileitis	0	1
Ovarian torsion*	–	1
Purulent peritonitis	0	1
Normal	3	13

*, diagnoses assessed as still requiring operative intervention.