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Dear Dr. Zylke,

This letter accompanies a **Letter to the Editor** in response to the review article by Moris, Paulson and Papas entitled *Diagnosis and Management of Acute Appendicitis in Adults: A Review.* (JAMA. 2021;326(22):2299-311) for and on behalf of the Appendiceal Cancer Pseudomxyoma Peritonei Research (ACPMP) Research Foundation (www.acpmp.org). ACPMPRF is the largest appendiceal cancer patient advocacy group in the world. The organization is not-for-profit and has raised millions of dollars for research, education and support for physicians who care for patients with appendiceal cancer and PMP, as well as for the patients and their families. This letter was prompted by concerns raised to the organization by patients that the review article, and particularly the focus on non-operative treatment of acute appendicitis with antibiotics, could lead to some patients experiencing delayed or missed diagnosis of an appendiceal cancer. As the president of the ACPMPRF medical advisory board, I am submitting this letter on their behalf. We hope that you will review it favorably and be willing to publish it, and help us in our efforts to increase awareness about appendiceal cancer.

Sincerely,

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