

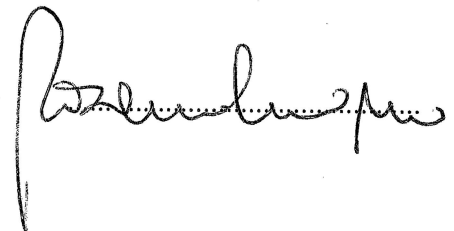
Institutional Review Board (IRB) statement

The survey study (World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and Therapeutics n°27511 - Title: Good adherence to Mediterranean diet can prevent gastrointestinal symptoms: a survey from Southern Italy) was performed by asking patients with functional gastrointestinal disorders to assess their symptoms using questionnaires with no risk to the participants, and no individual patient information was revealed under the condition of anonymity. However, even if not necessary, the study was approved by the Ethical Committee of the university "Federico II" of Naples.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosario Cuomo', written over a horizontal dotted line.