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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors aim to evaluate rates and predictors of hospital readmission and care fragmentation in patients hospitalized with gastroparesis based on the National Readmissions Database. The authors have identified several factors associated with the high 30-day readmission and care fragmentation in gastroparesis. Generally speaking, this topic is important, and this study is well written and comprehensively analyzed and the findings may help to prevent readmissions for high-risk gastroparesis patients. The reviewer only has a few comments and suggestions. 1. There should be various different reasons or indications for the index admission of gastroparesis patients, such as pre-operative evaluation or refractory symptoms. These reasons may surely affect the factors the authors have identified as the risk factors, such as hospital stay, metropolitan hospital and routine discharge. Please clarify the percentage of respective admission



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indications if the authors have the data. If not, please list this point as the study limitation. 2. Do the authors have the data of the respective percentages of most common types of gastroparesis, such as post-surgical, idiopathic or diabetic? 3. Please define “care fragmentation” in the abstract for better reader understanding.



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Comments to the manuscript entitled: Frequency of Hospital Readmission and Care Fragmentation in Gastroparesis: A Nationwide Analysis, from the authors: Emad Qayed, Mayssan Muftah. Comments The aim of this article was to evaluate rates and predictors of hospital readmission and care fragmentation in patients hospitalized with gastroparesis. It is an article of great importance because the incidence of gastroparesis is increasing worldwide, and due to its association with poorer quality of life, significant psychological distress, anxiety and depression. Abstract In the abstract of the manuscript it is recommended that the sentence be completed at the end of the first paragraph (before the results) where it says: Mortality during the first readmission, hospitalization cost, length of stay, and rates of 60-day readmission were compared those with ... [...]9 Methodology Modify the flow chart, if possible include the



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following data: 1. The size of the patient population from which the total sample of patients with gastroparesis was extracted 2. The number of patients not included in the study and the reasons for this 3. The number of patients included, describing inclusion criteria 4. If there were exclusions, write down the number of patients and the reasons. 5. If possible, write down the age range and sex of the patients (> 18 years -) In the statistical analysis of the data: 1. It is important that the authors perform normality tests on all the quantitative variables to determine if the parametric statistical analysis was correct. Discussion It is recommended that the authors discuss in more detail, the results and the reasons for the findings of the AHRQ reference study (reference 19).