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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

They proved that patients with GERD and overlapping symptoms due to somatoform disorders should not be withhold from laparoscopic antireflux surgery in general, if their GERD is proven by objective assessment.



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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Fuchs et al. present a prospective series of GERD patients either operated or not that were evaluated for somatoform behavior to show worse quality of life before and after operation for the group positive for somatoform behavior. The manuscript is



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well-written and interesting. I just got lost in the statistics. The authors stated that quality of life was different when pre and posttreatment are compared. I am not sure if the "p<0.001" refers to that. How about somatofrom + and -, is there a difference? And medication x surgery? And medication somatoform + versus -? This analysis could help managing these patients. Just looking at the number, laparoscopic fundoplication is not much better than medication in this population. Minor comments: There are some typos (including coma for decimals). The index should read somatoform index not somatom.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The main finding of this study was that the GERD patients with somatoform disorders have worse level of QOL but can benefit from antireflux surgery. The only patient characteristics mentioned in this study are SSI. More specific patient characteristics are



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needed to present. Those should include type of GERD symptom, response to medication, duration of symptom, test result of diagnostic work up, and so on. The results of the treatment were evaluated only by GIQLI. It would be better to show how the GERD symptoms improved with surgical and medical treatment.

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