



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Contratulations on your paper. It is a well designed and original work. The three key points I found were well explained and proposed: - The proposed benefits on classifying patients with bowel-related abdominal discomfort into IBS from the therapeutic consideration. - Pre-defecatory abdominal discomfort should be considered as an important symptom for IBS patients. - The importance of the cultural influence in the results and the prevalence of certain symptoms



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In the present original article Fang et al studied patients with IBS and abdominal discomfort, as classified by old Rome III criteria, compared to those with abdominal pain. They did not find any difference concerning other extra-gastrointestinal pain, anxiety, depression or quality of life (QOL). Main comments: 1) How was parametric distribution evaluated? By Kolmogorov-Smirnov test? 2) Bonferroni after chi-square? Maybe it was meant after ANOVA. (Bonferroni, not Bonferonni). 3) A figure reporting the process of patients selection and exclusion would be useful. For example, pain was frequently reported in left lower abdominal quadrant, therefore it is important to rule out diverticulosis. 4) I do not understand the utility of multivariate analysis in table 6. Indeed, some independent variables (pain) are inherent in the dependant variable, therefore it is obvious to find it significant. Moreover, it is unclear which is the measure of risk in logistic regression (it should be odds ration). 5) Is this a single center study? If so, this should be acknowledged as an additional limitation in the Discussion.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Answers were satisfactory