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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

To Authors, The systematic review titled "Epidemiology of Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders in Children and Adolescents" has been presenting an excellent sample of systematic review study. We can realize once again that the stardardized/improved questionnaires and clinical findings should be evaluated together for diagnosis making decision in diseases which have not any objective, gold standard diagnostic test. As known, it is a big dilemma for clinicians. This review could not give an exact data about the prevalence rate of diseases, however it takes a different look for future studies.

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It is a very well written article on a systematic review of epidemiological literature to assess the prevalence of functional gastrointestinal disorders. Few system research is regarding this research.

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This is an interesting paper that concerns a rather tricky issue, in agreement with the wide variability of data about functional gastrointestinal disorders in children and adolescents. The manuscript itself is a little confounding at the first reading. Instead of having the classic structure of Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion, here we have INTRODUCTION. MATERIAL AND METHODS: which include: Search strategies, Methodological Issues (How representative of the target population are the recruited participants? Are the outcome measures reliable and valid?) Critical appraisal of literature. The "methodological issues" would be better included in the discussion in my opinion. RESULTS: whose first paragraph (Literature search) should be better inserted in METHODS, as well as several comments about measurement of FGID which could be better have place in the DISCUSSION. DISCUSSION. LIMITATIONS. COMMENTS: which should be inserted in the DISCUSSION FUTURE DIRECTIONS: which could be better defined as the Core Tip of the paper. The research is accurate and indeed limitations are well defined. It is difficult to disagree from the somehow pessimistic but realistic conclusions of the authors, looking at the results presented. Better



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definition and understanding of FGID in children, a rather equivocal and indeterminate issue, is mandatory before collecting trustable data. Therefore, the message is clear but the little confusing way it is presented is worth of a better arrangement of the manuscript. The search was conducted from “inception” to 2016. Could the authors better explain and define “inception”? The definition of such clear-cut limit of 370 for sample size, although well explained, seems a little bit restrictive and harsh. There could be a little improvement of English language (now grade B)