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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study is very interesting and addresses a common problem faced in daily clinical practice, that is the overlap between reflux and dyspepsia symptoms and this may complicate the diagnosis and the therapeutic results of GERD. The Authors must be congratulated for performing an original investigation able to validate a new simple questionnaire to be used to diagnose and to assess the response to antisecretory treatment of patients with GERD and Dyspepsia as well. This reviewer has only few comments as follows : - The Authors found a major number of patients with ERD than NERD and this is the opposite of what happens in western countries. Is there an explanation for this difference ? - The rate of response in terms of GERD symptoms is very high in this study, even though the overlapping with dyspeptic symptoms is also frequent and present in about two thirds of patients. As it is well known from many



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clinical studies that the concomitant presence of GERD with dyspepsia or irritable bowel symptoms is predictive of a poor response of reflux to PPIs, how can the Authors explain the good results they obtained ? - Can this simple and effective questionnaire be translated and applied in western countries or its use is limited to asiatic populations ? - This reviewer suggests to add to the reference list a relevant paper by Savarino E et al (GUT 2009; 58:1185-1191) showing the frequent overlap of functional dyspepsia with functional heartburn. - The discussion could be reduced in length by one third