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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript by Wei et al. demonstrated the predictive value of alarm symptoms in patients with dyspepsia. The point of view is interesting. There are some problems that should be addressed.

1. Anemia is treated with one of alarm symptoms in this study. What is the definition of anemia? Is anemia one of subjective symptom or abnormal value of Hb or the numbers of red blood cell? Authors should describe clearly about this point in method.
2. Sixty-five organic dyspepsia patients are symptoms relieved after HP eradication. How is the rate of HP infection in functional dyspepsia? How many patients include after HP eradication in functional dyspepsia? These points should be shown.
3. What kind of abnormal routine blood tests are there in this study? Are all abnormal routine blood tests associated with dyspeptic symptoms? The authors should explain about this point in discussion.