



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors hypothesized that MI(Motility index) could be used to identify enteric neuromuscular pathology in patients with gastrointestinal symptoms. To test this hypothesis, they consecutively included all patients undergoing MRE during a 2-year period and evaluated the use of MRI to assess motility. Consecutive adult patients who were referred for MRE during a 2-year period were included as cases while healthy volunteers were included as controls. MI of the terminal ileum measured by MR enterography was found to be inversely associated with mural thickness, especially in males. In females, diarrhea was inversely associated with MI of jejunum, while constipation was positively associated with MI of terminal ileum. The research is well crafted and executed. Also, the manuscript is well written and follows a logical sequence. The study limitations include the single center setting and the failure to consider the influence of medical treatment on the disease. The study can act as a basis for future research in this field.



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This is an observational, cross-sectional study to assess the use of the MI for assessment of the small bowel motility in the patients with IBD or other intestinal disorders. Of particular note, the study examined the association between the MI and basal characteristics and gastrointestinal symptoms independent of the diagnosis. The data presenting in this study showed that there was a negative association between MI of the terminal ileum measured by MR enterography and mural thickness, especially in men. The observations indicate that MI is useful for determining altered motility patterns in addition to morphological MRE changes and clinical characteristics. Generally, this is an interesting study that presents valuable findings on the use of MR in assessing small bowel motility in clinical practice. Major concerns: (1) In the current version, no information on the disease activity of the patients (CD and UC) was provided. It is encouraged to identify whether MI measured by MR is associated with the disease activity of the patients (CDAI, etc.) (2) Except for CD, the case number of several other diseases, for example UC and dysmotility, was very small. (3) An additional paragraph should be add in the last of the "Discussion" section to present the conclusion of this study.



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The manuscript has been revised according to the reviewer's comments. And the concerns raised by the reviewer have been well addressed.