

This is an original study investigating itopride in FD and showing no effect of it on physiological and clinical parameters. Authors should consider following issues of this study: groups are not well described, mainly in respect to type of FD; symptoms composing total symptom score includes complaints of reflux, not appropriate to define dyspepsia; analysis should be directed toward finding of differences between epigastric pain and postprandial distress. English language is poor and typos are detected.

Summary The article entitled "Itopride for gastric volume, gastric emptying and drinking capacity in Functional Dyspepsia" by Abid S et al. is a randomised study aimed to investigate the effect of itopride on gastric accommodation, gastric emptying, capacity of tolerating nutrient liquid and symptoms of Functional Dyspepsia. The manuscript is clear, well written and the topic is very interesting. I congratulate with the authors about their work. Minor comments: - Sample size calculation. I'm not sure that 15 patients in each group is sufficient when there is a 16% of difference between the drug and placebo. Did the Authors have a support from an expert in statistical analysis? - Results. There was a difference between males and females in terms of FD symptoms or results of the tests. I understand that the number is limited but it would an interesting issue, if data are available - Results. Do the Authors have any data about other symptoms rather than FD? For instance GERD symptoms? - Discussion. Mean age was quite low and this may have affected the results. Can you comment on that in the Discussion section?

S No	Reviewer's comments	Responses
01	groups are not well described, mainly in respect to type of FD - analysis should be directed toward finding of differences between epigastric pain and postprandial distress	Thank you for this valuable suggestion which is pertinent and valid. Unfortunately the study is not powered to evaluate symptoms on the basis of subgroup of FD patients. Moreover the primary objective of this study was to observe the effect of Itopride on gastric functions not on symptoms.
02	symptoms composing total symptom score includes complaints of reflux, not appropriate to define dyspepsia;	Total symptom score is modified by removing complaints of reflux
03	English language is poor and typos are detected.	We have edited the manuscript to address this feedback.
04	Sample size calculation. I'm not sure that 15 patients in each group is sufficient when there is a 16% of difference between the drug and placebo. Did the Authors have a support from an expert in statistical analysis?	The sample size was powered to compare adjusted means using ANCOVA. We have support from Statistician and the relevant letter is uploaded.
05	Results. Do the Authors have any data about other symptoms rather than FD? For instance GERD symptoms?	Thanks for this input we didn't collect information on GERD for this study but we will consider this suggestion in our subsequent similar studies.
06	Discussion. Mean age was quite low and this may have affected the results. Can you comment on that in the Discussion section?	Feedback incorporated in the discussion