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### COMMENTS

#### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

The paper reports the results of a study about the effect of an herbal medicine on symptoms and gastric emptying in patients with laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR) Observations: 1. The authors MUST describe what is this kind of medicine. A partial description is provided in the discussion, nevertheless at least in the method section a description of more relevant chemical ingredients and clinical effects should be provided. 2. Refractory is defined as symptoms persisting despite therapy with a standard dose of PPI for 2 weeks or more. Most definitions of refractory GERD symptoms refer to higher dosage for more times. This inclusion could generate bias. 3. The number of subjects of the study is very small. In particular the section about VAS scores ( pag 9 fig 1) refers to very few subjects and should be omitted. 4. Patients are exclude if on therapy with antipsycothic drugs, but none is written about the inclusion/exclusion of neurological patients (i.e Parkinson Disease) 5. Gastric emptying technique (page 7). The drugs is talen 3 times/die: which was the temporal relationship between drug intake and gastric emptying study?



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This is a very interesting manuscript, that only requires minimal adjustments especially in the description of the statistically significant results, in presenting the data in Table 2. In addition to explaining in more detail the biochemical mechanisms by which, Rikkushito (as a novel therapy) stimulates gastric emptying.