

## ESPS Peer-review Report

**Name of Journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

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**Title:** Low-dose amitriptyline combined with proton pump inhibitor for functional chest pain refractory to conventional treatment

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
[ ] Grade A (Excellent)	[ Y] Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	[ ] Accept
[ ] Grade B (Very good)	[ ] Grade B: minor language polishing	[ ] Existed	[ ] High priority for publication
[ Y] Grade C (Good)	[ ] Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	[ ] No records	[ ] Rejection
[ ] Grade D (Fair)		BPG Search:	[ ] Minor revision
[ ] Grade E (Poor)	[ ] Grade D: rejected	[ ] Existed	[ Y] Major revision
		[ ] No records	

## COMMENTS

### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

This is an interesting original paper comparing the treatment of functional chest pain with low dose of amitriptyline plus low dose of rabeprazole vs. high dose of rabeprazole alone.

Comments:

1. Title. I think that the Authors could use the term rabeprazole instead of PPI in the title.
2. Running title. I suggest that Authors change the running title so it reflects the content of the study for example: Amitriptyline and rabeprazole for functional chest pain.
3. Abstract. Methods. There is a typo that states that high dose of rabeprazole was 20 mg once daily. In general it should be stated that these medications were taken orally. In my opinion the PPI should be replaced with term rabeprazole as this is the only PPI that was used.
4. Manuscript.
  - a) Introduction. The article that presents Rome III criteria in the area of functional esophageal disorders should be included: Gastroenterology. 2006 Apr;130(5):1459-65.
  - b) Methods. In the first sentence the dosing of all medications should be specified. The Authors should specify that the medications were given orally. Also it should be explained whether patient were instructed to take rabeprazole 20 minutes before meals. Were the participants assessed by cardiologist? How was the cardiac disease ruled out? It is very important to rule out the cardiac disease in patients with any type of chest pain. The Authors should elaborate on this.
  - c) Safety assessment: This section should be more detailed with description of any adverse events



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that occurred during the study, not only those that led to withdrawal from the trial.