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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors compared the prevalence of FGIDs among ED patients using ROME III and ROME II criteria and showed that ROME III criteria were useful to increase the detection of functional gastroduodenal disorders. They also found predictors of FGIDs using ROME III criteria. In general, the text should be shorter and focused on the most relevant results. Clear conclusions should be shown.

**Abstract:** -The meaning of abbreviations should be indicated. The different ED diagnostics groups (AN-R...) could be replaced with "ED diagnostic subtypes" to simplify the text. - "EDNOS-P and BN combined": this combination is not clinically relevant and is only used to obtain statistically significant data. It should be removed. - The conclusion is too vague.

**Methods** -Page 8: "Age, BMI, and psychological and behavioural predictors of the presence or absence of the common (prevalence greater than 20%) ROME III FGIDs and the presence of more than three FGID diagnoses were tested using logistic regression analysis": Why more than 20%? - "Initially three logistic regressions were conducted: with age and BMI; the behavioural variables; and the psychological variables." It is surprising to carry out 3 multivariate analyses. Usually we first made a univariate analysis of each parameter and multivariate analysis with parameters with  $p < 0.20$  or those known to be associated.

**Results** -page 9 "Prevalence of FGID categories": sentences lines 2 to 4 and lines 6 to 9 should be combined to clarify the text and the sentence: lines 4 to 6 could be removed since no statistical significance was observed. -page 10: "predictors of commonly occurring FGIDs": Cyclic vomiting is associated with self-induced vomiting: this is not an originally planned analysis. This is not the hypothesis to be tested but only data fishing. This analysis should be removed. **Discussion**



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page 11: lines 11-13: there is no data suggesting that exercise is protective against PDS. it is simply a predictor. Lines 13-15: what do the authors mean? Is there a link with the previous sentence? There is no conclusion of the main results



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper 'Functional gastrointestinal disorders in eating disorder patients: altered distribution and predictors using ROME III compared to ROME II criteria.' by X. Wang, et al. is an original article to compare the prevalence of FGIDs using ROME III and ROME II and to describe predictors of FGIDs among ED patients. The manuscript is too short, especially in the discussion section. The authors need to describe the analytic data to support the final results. The conclusion is unclear to maintain the study outcomes. The major point is the method of statistical analysis. Why is the only two variables of demography (age and BMI) included in the first logistic regression? Sex, body weight, race, ,,,, will be considered. Page 8. Initially three logistic regressions were conducted: with age and BMI; the behavioural variables; and the psychological variables. The significant predictors from each of these analyses were entered into a final logistic regression.---the authors will explain this analytic method, why didn't use univariate logistic regression model, then advanced to multivariate logistic regression model, if the value of P is significant. The results of Table 5 is the most important outcomes in this manuscript, but the authors didn't mention in detail in result and discussion section.



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Functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs) are difficult evaluated diseases because of its subtle structural abnormalities. The diagnosis of FGIDs can not rely on objective detection, so the self-reported questionnaires is the popular test. The Paper, "Functional gastrointestinal disorders in eating disorder patients: altered distribution and predictors using ROME III compared to ROME II criteria", investigates FGIDs using ROME III and compares prevalence based on ROME II and ROME III criteria, this is a valuable clinical study.