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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Akyuz et al. present an interestingly manuscript on MII – pH in overweight and obese individuals. The authors certainly must be congratulated to be able to recruit these volunteers, good data was recorded; however, these data were not fully explored and discussed. Some points to improve the manuscript: A) define asymptomatic. GERD symptoms are common even in "normal" individuals. One episode of heartburn in the last year excluded individuals? B) presentation of data is confusing. Forget about alcohol, age, etc, focus on your primary data, i.e. bmi and pH. Show clearly how many patients had abnormal parameters. C) analysis of manometric parameters may help understand the pathophysiology of gerd in obese people. Are les pressure lower in obese refluxers? D) what is the meaning of your findings? A prevalence of 36% reflux is within the range of populational studies in normal Individuals. Does your results really indicate that gerd is more prevalent in obesese? If so, what is the clinical significance? Some bariatric procedures agravate gerd. Should asymptomatic patients be tested for gerd? Minor comments A) plus or minus symbol was corrupted B) language needs polishing.