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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Good review. I would recommend that you would include a paragraph on the ROME 4 diagnostic criteria which is due to be published next month at DDW and the implications. A paragraph on research and diagnostic implications this may have would be welcome.



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This is a carefully designed and very well written study on the epidemiology of functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGID) in infants and toddlers. The study addresses an important issue because good quality epidemiological data on FGID prevalence in pediatric patients are limited. From a total number of 103 identified articles, 13 of them were included in the final analysis (around 40000 subjects). The search strategies, critical appraisal of literature data and methodological issues are presented in a comprehensive way. Numerous limitations of the analyzed studies have been identified concerning, e.g. study design, sample size, correct sampling, and data collection. The qualitative appraisal revealed that most of the studies were of moderate or below average standard of generalizability. Infant regurgitation and functional constipation were the most common FGID and a vast variation in their prevalence was shown, ranging from 1% to 25.9% and from 1% to 31%, respectively. The paper is supplemented with well designed and helpful tables. Based on the overall data the authors included additional comments and indicated future directions in the field of epidemiological studies concerning FGID. Minor comment: 1. Page 4, line 9th from the top: should be



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“distension” instead of “distention”.