

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The present study addresses a key issue for the daily-intestinal constipation gastroenterology clinic. However it should be regarded as a pilot study. I suggest that some points should be emphasized in the text: 1. The title should emphasize the primary goal of the manuscript as a tolerance study the drug .2- How precisely define occasional constipation? It is possible? The text would need to better explain this clinical condition. 3- The conclusion is adequate, but needs to be emphasized in the title. We conducted a similar study in Brazil in 2003. It was titled "Subjective Global Assessment (SGA) of the symptoms of the Gastrointestinal Tract (GIT) of patients with Constipation after 2 weeks of treatment with Tegaserod (Novartis)

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Since PEG 3350 has been shown to be effective in chronic constipation, it is not surprising, nor unexpected, that it also helped relieve occasional constipation. The second part of the conclusion ie it is more effective and better tolerated by patients than other laxatives is however, questionable. Thus I suggest that the latter part of the conclusion be toned down and this limitation of dependence on patient's perception be mentioned in the discussion.

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an interesting paper, facing a scarcely investigated topic (occasional constipation). My comments are detailed below. 1. page 8. the author states that the study was a multicenter one, yet no affiliations/multiple authorship/investigation sites were given. Please amend this point. 2. it would be useful to have a better definition of occasional constipation. 3. the discussion should go a little more in depth on the possibility that occasional constipation could spontaneously improve, and a one week treatment could be considered as a placebo.