

Dear reviewers, we are thankful to the referees for pointing out some important modifications needed in the report. We have thoughtfully taken into account these comments. The explanation of what we have changed in response to the reviewers' concerns is given point by point in the following.

To reviewer 00058401,

Answer: We are so appreciate your highly comments. We revised the manuscript and looking forwards to your further comments and suggestions.

To reviewer 00227403,

Suggestions

1) The abstract is too short and should be re-written. English language should be revised. Some sentence should be re-written.

Answer: Yes, the original abstract is uninformative. We re-write the abstract and revised the language. Hopefully it could provide more information.

2)"This study in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and was approved....." shuld be changed as "This study was performed..."

Answer: The current language of updated manuscript is improved by one of the reviewers. Also, we revised the language by one native speaker. Some of the mistakes and grammar were edited and highlight in yellow.

3)In the Discussion, there is a section entitled "The incidence of GI discomforts". Is it appropriate to discuss of incidence? This is better defined as the first episode of GI discomfort in the history of patient and not the first episode in the period of the study.

Answer: Thanks a lot for pointing it out this important issue. We agree, it is not appropriate to use "incidence". We write this part.

4)The authors should report as limitation the fact that it is not reported the *Helicobacter pylori* status of these patients, a fact that could limit the interpretation of these results.

Answer: Yes, we agree the *Helicobacter pylori* status could limit the result presentation, since it is highly prevalent and associated with GI disease. We added this issue in the limitation part.

5) Some reference should be updated, for example the number 9 should be replaced with the review "Gastrointestinal tract disorders in the elderly. by Prof. Durazzo et al. Minerva Med. 2017;108(6):575-591."

Answer: We appreciate your precise work and update information. We update this reference.

To reviewer 04477339,

We are so appreciate your help. Based on your revised manuscript, we further revised the language by a native speaker, hopefully the language quality could reach to the publish standard.