

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Increased proton pump inhibitor and NSAID exposure in irritable bowel syndrome: results from a case-control study

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Addressed issue of duration of exposure prior to onset of symptoms.

Other comments:

#### **ABSTRACT**

Results: Should add a statement that PPI use was not significantly correlated after controlling for dyspepsia. - made necessary changes to abstract.

#### **METHODS**

“In other cases, diagnosis according to Rome III criteria (symptoms for at least 6 months) was confirmed using questionnaires sent to patients to assess symptom duration

following initial symptom onset.” – Unclear what this means. Were these cases with <6 month history of IBS symptoms. - addressed

“The control group consisted of 408 individuals randomly selected from the general population in

Maastricht, the Netherlands” – Were there 287 controls or 408 controls?  
- addressed

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.