Reviewer's report

Title: Health Related Quality of Life and its Influence Factors in Patients with Chronic Gastritis and Peptic Ulcer: A Longitudinal Questionnaire Survey

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A fairly interesting study on an inadequately researched area in gastroenterology, i.e., health-related quality of life of gastritis and peptic ulcer disease patents.

The methodology used in the study is mostly well described and the data appears sound. The discussion and conclusions are balanced and supported by the data. The main limitations of the study are acknowledged and the writing is mostly acceptable.

There are still some points that the authors could consider to improve the manuscript:

1. In the results section concerning the change in HRQoL after treatment the text says “with most domains being increased except of PF”. Looking at the table the domain PF shows an improvement whereas RP shows deterioration? Please clarify.

2. Describe how the presence of chronic gastritis and peptic ulcer disease was verified in the patients.

3. Describe how many patients were excluded due to illiteracy or advanced disease status.


5. Please explain the abbreviations used in table 3 in the footnote.

6. Figure 2 seems redundant as the same information is available in table 2.

7. The writing, although mostly adequate, still need some checking and improvement.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests