Reviewer's report

Title: Endoscopic findings in uninvestigated dyspepsia

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This is a straight forward study that evaluates upper GI endoscopy for investigating dyspepsia in a developing country.

Minor essential revisions:

1. Background: There is a conceptual problem in the last paragraph. The test and treat strategy for dyspepsia is clinically suitable and cost-effective for regions with high prevalence of H pylori (see PMID: 17608775 and Maastricht IV). The strategy is not feasible in low prevalence countries, where the low positive predictive value of serology precludes it. Therefore, the sentence should be corrected.

2. Methods. A reference should be provided for the alarm symptoms in the second paragraph. There are several definitions of alarm symptoms. Ref 16 (cited in Background), for instance, includes persistent vomiting, lymphadenophaty and family history of upper GI cancer. The authors chose a more strict definition, and it should be cited the rationale for that.

3. Methods and Discussion. The cross cultural validation of the LDQ should be cited. If not available, it should be also cited in Discussion (an important limitation).

4. Results. The aim of the study is “to assess the diagnostic yield of EGD “. So, patients without an EGD should be excluded (therefore, all tables with 292 patients).

5. Results. Also, there were 306 eligible, but only 282 were included. 24 patients were lost (< 8%, a pretty reasonable rate), and the reasons should be described.

Discretionary revisions:

1. Methods. First line of methods “... which provides open-access endoscopy. “ (if it still provides open-access endoscopy, if not “which used to provide”), without the phrase defining open-access endoscopy (redundant) (delete “that did not require referral to specialists first.”).

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.