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Title: Gastric Emptying is Slow in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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Comments for editors:

Reviewer 1

1. "CFS" in quotations removed
2. "cannot be attributed to any alternative condition" is part of the definition used in reference (1). Although we agree with the reviewer's suggestion that CFS has "no known etiology", we cannot change the referred-to definition.
3. Paper (ref [5]) describing symptoms of GI disorders in patients with CFS added
4. Comma inserted after "abdominal distension", as requested.
5. A comment regarding psychiatric disease in the patients has been included.
6. Slow oesophageal clearance in symptomatic and asymptomatic subjects (fig1). This is now mentioned in the text.
7. References to figs 2 and 3 inserted in the text in the appropriate position.
8. Statistical test and reference to comparison control group inserted in gastric emptying results
9. Abdominal pain distressing. Reference added and sentence changed
10. Statistics in discussion moved to results section.
11. Sentence added to discuss solid/liquid differentiation.

Reviewer 2

Had no suggested amendment.