Reviewer's report

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Discretionary Revisions

Thank you for the thorough explanation in response to the author query! The manuscript seems much better and I'd love to see it published soon.

There is only one more question. In page 12, line 251, the authors mentioned that "One study [32] with 60 cases was excluded from further analysis because this study used a different scale to score epigastric fullness syndromes which resulted in a significant heterogeneity among these eight studies (I2 = 91%, df = 7, x2 = 74.99, P < 0.00001)". What if SMD (standard mean difference) was used in this meta-analysis? I would suggest that authors try to use SMD instead of MD and see if the statistical heterogeneity would reduced. If not, please delete the details of the results which showed in brackets.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests