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The authors showed the efficacy of modified LiuJunZi decoction on functional dyspepsia by well-designed analysis. This manuscript is interesting and important.

Major Comments
(1) Authors showed the significant improvement in scores of total dyspepsia symptom and single dyspepsia compared with patients in the placebo group. But they showed the data only at 4 and 8 weeks. Please show us the details at 0, 1, 2, and 3 weeks because it is important to know when the modified LiuJunZi decoction starts to show its effect.
(2) The improvement in the change of radiopaque barium markers emptied from the stomach in CHM group was shown. But the details of these data were not shown. Please show it.

Minor Comments
(1) In Japan, herbal medicine, for example, Rikkunshito, is also used for functional dyspepsia. Please comment it in Discussion.
(2) It is better to show some of the results by using a graph.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests