Reviewer's report

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The study is interesting and addresses to a very topical issue. However, the authors did not consider the possibility of checking for a different behavior by the physicians in three hospitals involved in the study. Nor did they consider the use of invasive procedures or surgery in the area of defensive medicine. In the discussion, page 9 - line 10, the paper on defensive medicine in the field of gastroenterology by Dr. Elli et al* could also be included.