Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Lifestyle factors affecting gastroesophageal reflux disease symptoms: a cross-sectional study of healthy 19864 adults using FSSG scores.

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**Reviewer:** Antonio Colecchia

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This is an interesting paper dealing with an important clinical problem. However some additional informations are needed to allow a final evaluation, in particular for the clinical application of the study results. The Authors stated that drugs did not influence the clinical presentation (symptoms score) of the disease; however, no information regarding treatment dose and duration are provided. Did different doses and/or type of drug (different PPI) influence the results?

Some data regarding the clinical outcome of the enrolled patients should be useful to better support the present results. For example the relationship between the sleep disturbances and the GERD symptoms (did sleep disturbances change after PPI treatment?)

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests'