Reviewer's report

Title: Psychological Illness is Common With Functional Gastrointestinal Disorder and is Important to Consider At Patient Consultation, a Population-based Study

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General
The authors have addressed the concerns I raised in my previous review and from that point of view they are satisfactory. There are, however, still a number of issues old life terrified. On page 9 I would prefer it if the diagnostic criteria for both dyspepsia and irritable bowel syndrome were included in the text rather than having to look at the table to identify what the authors mean. The section on statistical power and analysis is confusing. For example it was hard to know what the sentence ‘...the Fisher's chi-2 test was performed when we achieved perfect match in the logistic regression...’ meant. What is a perfect match in a logistic regression?

Page 14. Why was an eigen value >1.2 used? - usually it is an eigen value of greater than one or based on a Scree test.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The text needs further editing to clarify the English.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Which journal?: Appropriate or potentially appropriate for BMC Medicine: an article of importance in its field

What next?: Accept for publication in BMC Medicine after minor essential revisions

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests