Reviewer’s report

Title: Distress criterion influences prevalence rates of functional gastrointestinal disorders

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I am happy with the changes to the article, however, it still appears that the authors are separating subjective stress from FGIDs. Given that they state the biopsychosocial nature of this set of disorders, surely subjective stress is an integral feature. For me, the consideration of distress is a "given".

Do you have a reference for your Likert scale suggestion for stress, are you referring to state or trait? If not, are there any previously validated stress-related measures you could use?

I gather that the Rome IV will include a multidimensional profile that includes such evaluation.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

Please see my previous comments in first review