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1. In the Methods (last paragraph, pg. 9), it states those with evidence suggestive of possible organic pathologies during the initial evaluation were referred for further evaluation. Please include information regarding how many were referred for further evaluation and how many were ultimately excluded for organic pathology. As written, it appears that 53 were excluded but only for questionnaires having inadequate information (1st paragraph of results, pg. 11).

2. In the discussion (lines 31-39 of pg. 15), the authors discuss that personality traits were generally (with one exception) not different between subjects with FD and controls and that this was most likely due to the small number of subjects with FD. It would be helpful to include effect size calculations to give the reader a better idea of whether this is a sample size issue or possibly a true finding as this is would be interesting, particularly if IBS but not FD differs from controls.

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