Reviewer’s report

Title: Pathogenetic approach to the treatment of functional disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and their intersection: Results of the Russian Observation Retrospective Program COMFORT

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Authors should be commended for the great effort to collect data from a nationwide huge sample of patients. However, a great limitation is the retrospective nature of the analysis, in particular in a field lacking of objective parameters and highly influenced by the patient's subjective perception of the symptoms.

Other points to be addressed:

- The questionnaire 7*7 is not validated in countries other than Russia, hence the applicability of these findings in other regional settings is unclear.

- Authors should acknowledge and comment the high risk of attrition bias, as only 9000 patients out of more than 14000 had final outcomes data.

- Why a 50% decrease in the score was considered in the analysis? Is this cut-off based on previous studies?

- English grammar should be considerably improved.

- Statistical analysis should be better described in the Material and Methods section

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