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## List of Abbreviations

Abb. Full term
AG Anethum graveolens L.
AP-1 Activator protein 1
AP-FGIDs Abdominal pain—related functional gastrointestinal disorders
CAM Complementary and alternative medicine
CCK Cholecystokinin
CCK-AR Cholecystokinin A receptor
CDI Clostridium difficile infection
CDQ The Clinical Dyspepsia Questionnaire
CgA Chromogranin A
CHM Chinese herbal medicine
COMT Catechol-o-methyltransferase
COVID-19 Coronavirus disease-19
COX-1Cyclooxygenase 1
DHSI Digestive Health Status Instrument
DSSI Dyspepsia Symptom Severity Index
EC Efficacy criteria
EPS Epigastric pain syndrome
FAPDs Functional abdominal pain disorders
FD Functional dyspepsia
FDSD Functional Dyspepsia Symptom Diary
FGIDs Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
FMiT Fecal microbiota transplantation
FODMAPFermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides, and polyols
GA Gastric accommodation
GDNF Glial cell line–derived neurotrophic factor

## List of Abbreviations Cont...

Abb.	Full term
	Glial cell-derived neurotropic factor
	Glasgow Dyspepsia Severity Index
	Gastric emptying
GI	
	Gastrointestinal tract
GNB3-C825T	Guanine nucleotide binding protein $\beta$ 3 subunit C825T
$GN\beta3$	G-protein $\beta$ polypeptide-3
GOS	Global Overall Symptom Scale
GSRS	Gastrointestinal Symptom Rating Scale
H. pylori	Helicobacter pylori
H2Ras	Histamine-2 receptor antagonists
IBS	Irritable bowel syndrome
IL-17	Interleukin 17
LDQ	Leeds Dyspepsia Questionnaire
LFD	.Low FODMAP diet
LPDS	Leuven Postprandial Distress Scale
MGDS	Modified Glasgow Dyspepsia Severity
MGDSS	.Modified Glasgow dyspepsia severity score
MIF	Migration inhibitory factor
NDI	Nepean Dyspepsia Index
NF-κB	Nuclear factor kappa B
NGF	Nerve growth factor
nNOS	Neuronal nitric oxide synthase
NSAIDs	.Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
PADYQ	.Porto Alegre Dyspeptic Symptoms Questionnaire

## List of Abbreviations Cont...

Abb.	Full term
PAGI-SYM	Patient Assessment of Upper Gastrointestinal Symptom Severity Index
PDS	Postprandial distress syndrome
PENFS	Percutaneous electric nerve field stimulation
PII	Peak incremental index
PPIs	Proton pump inhibitors
PROM	Patient-reported outcome measures
PYY	. Peptide YY
QOL	. Quality of life
RANTES	Regulated upon activation, normal T cell expressed and secreted
RCTs	Randomized controlled trials
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
SERT	. Serotonin transporter
SF-NDI	Short-form Nepean Dyspepsia Index
SLDQ	Spanish Language Dyspepsia Questionnaire
SODA	Severity of Dyspepsia Assessment
STW5	. Iberogast
TA	. Trachyspermum ammi L
TCA	. Tricyclic antidepressants
TDA	Traditional dietary advice
TEA	Transcutaneous electrical acustimulation
TNF-α	. Tumor necrosis factor $\alpha$
TRPV1	Transient receptor potential cation subfamily V1
VAS	Visual Analogue Scale
ZM	. Zataria multiflora Boiss

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#### Introduction

Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders '(FGIDs)' define variable combinations of chronic gastrointestinal symptoms that do not have an identified underlying pathophysiology. Without an objective marker, the classification of FGIDs depends on symptoms. FGIDs are common in school-aged Egyptian children/ adolescents; functional dyspepsia (FD) prevalence was 4.6% (*Ibrahim et al.*, 2020).

According to the Rome IV criteria for FD in children, FD was characterized by the presence of one or more bothersome symptoms, including epigastric pain or burning, early satiety, and post-prandial bloating that further track into FD subtypes (post-prandial distress syndrome, epigastric pain syndrome) that may exist alone or overlap with one another, after appropriate evaluation the symptoms cannot be fully explained by another medical condition (*Hyams et al.*, 2016).

The impaired quality of life of patients with FD implies the need for definitive establishment of the diagnosis, followed by symptom-oriented treatment for the duration of the symptomatic interval (*Madisch et al.*, 2018).

The treatment options can be classified as non-pharmacological or pharmacological. The primary goal is to achieve complete remission of the symptoms; if this is not possible, then the abdominal pain and its exacerbated episodes should be minimized (*Brusaferr et al.*, 2018).



Antipsychotics, tricyclic antidepressants, histamine-2 receptor antagonists (H2Ras), standard and low-dose proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), acotiamide and mosapride, were found to be effective for FD (Ford et al., 2021; Browne et al., 2018).

Complementary and alternative (CAM) therapies offer the potential to be considered in alternate and mainstream treatment of FD (Chiarioni et al., 2018).

Synthetic medicines have side effects which leaves researchers to pay more attention to herbal medicine. Honey has been used since ages for medicinal and traditional purposes, and was accepted as a new effective medicine to cure many diseases (Zafar et al., 2020).

Honey supplementation increased gastric emptying time in protein energy malnutrition patients, this delay in gastric emptying time might be primarily a compensatory phenomenon and it was augmented by the use of honey (Shaaban et al., 2010).

Honey as a natural agent has a gastroprotective potential. It provides mucosa healing mainly via its antioxidants, antiinflammatory, and cellular protective mechanism (Fazalda et al., 2018).

In considerations of scarce knowledge in this field, health attributes of bee honey as a reliable therapy to improve the symptoms of FD in children, deserve seeking for.

In this study we aim to assess the effect of bee honey as an adjuvant therapy among children with FD dyspepsia.

#### AIM OF THE WORK

#### • Primary Objective:

Effect of bee honey on functional dyspepsia as an adjuvant therapy among dyspepsia suffering children assessed by Modified Glasgow Dyspepsia Severity (MGDS) Score in comparison to age and sex matched controls

#### • Secondary Objective:

Effect of bee honey on recurrence of symptoms one month after stopping medications assessed by MGDS Score