

# **Can Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) cure Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)?**

## **Point-by-point response to Reviewer 1**

We would like to thank the reviewer for the thorough and constructive comments, which we feel have contributed to improve our paper.

### *“1) Literature search*

We have conducted 2 new systematic searches performed on March 13th, 2017 in the databases PubMed, Cochrane Library and EMBASE. The new studies have been included in the revised version of the manuscript.

### *“2) Criteria to select the included articles*

These criteria have been now been described in the section about the methods section.

*3) The paragraph beginning with “Other indications for treatment with FMT might be metabolic syndrome[1], inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)[1], ....” need to be rewritten*

Rewritten as suggested

## **Point-by-point response to Reviewer 2**

We would like to thank the reviewer for the constructive and thorough comments, which we feel has contributed to improve our paper.

As suggested by the Reviewer, we have performed a new literature search and updated the references and literature according to new studies. We fully agree with the reviewer of the importance of an updated literature review.