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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

El-Salhy evaluated the paper entitled "THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF INTESTINAL STEM CELLS IN THE PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME". The topic is quite interesting and the paper is very well written, with clear language. However, some questions have arisen and need to be better clarified. In view of the fact I will give the authors the opportunity to revise some points before resubmitting to the journal. Comments: - The abstract should contain, besides the introduction (very long), a methodology that clarifying the database used in the article searches, the language used and the year of the bibliographic survey. I also missed the results (main findings) and a little discussion and conclusion; - It is also important to detail the methodology in the text; - The authors reported little about the role of intestinal stem cells in the pathophysiology of IBS; - Some parts of text contain different font sizes; - Figure captions must be self-explanatory. Detail the differences observed in figures 3, 5 and 6, and not just identify the groups shown.

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Manuscript NO: 53063 The possible role of intestinal stem cells in the pathophysiology of irritable bowel syndrome The authors should discuss if not only the number of stem cells is impaired but also the morphology and function If IBS is hereditary it should be discussed if NGS methods have been applied, and if they confirm that it is a hereditary disease. Missing is a discussion about the HLA-status in patients with IBS.  
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