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

This study aimed to compare total and segmental colonic transit time (CTT) and fecal load in healthy controls and IBS patients. MAJOR REMARKS 1) The IBS population is not well-defined: \* The criteria used for the IBS diagnosis were not indicated (Rome III, Rome IV criteria, other) in the PATIENTS AND METHOD section \* The subtype of IBS is not precised. We suppose that the authors have included IBS-Constipation patients. 2) The use of DOMPERIDONE to improve IBS symptoms including constipation is not usual. Can the authors add references to justify their treatment? OTHER REMARKS 1) The method used to assess CTT was not the same in IBS patients and control subjects. 2) The authors did not discuss the absence of difference between males and females as well in the IBS group than in the control group. 3) For the measurement of CTT, were patients in the fasting state, was the hour of plain film standardized, and was the content of fiber intake normalized ? 4) The authors can add a figure to summarize the results of the intervention procedure.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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This exciting study shows abnormal fecal load in IBS patients. Major remarks: 1) The IBS

subtypes were not described in the study. We hypothesized that IBS-Constipation patients were included. 2) Is fecal load correlated with CTT in the terminal intestine? 3) What are the results according to the delay site (right colon, left colon or terminal intestine). Other remarks 1) Use of American English is easier to read than British English 2) The Introduction section must be expanded in order to better indicate the issue addressed 2) I added a version of the manuscript with minor grammatical changes