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Dear editor  
Editor-in-Chief

Hope this finds you well

**Re: Revised Manuscript Submission** (Manuscript No: 60914)

We would like to thank you and all reviewers for your time and insightful and qualified comments after reviewing our manuscript titled **“Global research trends in microbiome-related to irritable bowel syndrome: a bibliometric and visualized study”**.

We wish to thank the editor and reviewers again for their time in commenting on the draft manuscript, which we believe has strengthened the paper. Our responses to the comments are yellow- highlighted in the revised manuscript. We carefully addressed all comments of the reviewers. A point-by--by-point reply to the comments is given below. We hope that we appropriately address all comments.

**We look forward to you and reviewers’ comments on the manuscript and hope that the manuscript is given favorable consideration for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.**

Yours sincerely  
Sa’ed H Zyoud

**Reviewer reports:**

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** it is very interesting and important manuscript

Response: I would like to thank you for the thorough reading of the manuscript and the professional comments and constructive recommendations, which help improve this manuscript's quality. The revised manuscript has been thoroughly edited by highly qualified native English speakers (Simon Smale, and W Stephen Waring from York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Wigginton Road, York YO31 8HE, United Kingdom) made some editing and several corrections to the errors. Simon Smale, and W Stephen Waring are authors of this article.

*Science editor:*

- 1- Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a scientometrics of the global research trends in microbiome-related to irritable bowel syndrome. The topic is within the scope of the WJGO. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors reported a very interesting and important manuscript; and(3) Format: There are 4 tables and 4 figures. A total of 77 references are cited, including 29 references published in the last 3 years. There are 9 self-citations.

Response: I would like to thank you for the thorough reading of the manuscript and constructive recommendations, which help improve this manuscript's quality. We tried to reduce some of the references to reduce self-citations.

- 2- Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B.

Response: The revised manuscript has been edited thoroughly by highly qualified native English speakers (Simon Smale, and W Stephen Waring from York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Wigginton Road, York YO31 8HE, United Kingdom) and made some editing and several corrections to the errors. Simon Smale, and W Stephen Waring are authors of this article.

- 3- Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, and PRISMA 2009 Checklist. The authors should provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.



Response: we prepared signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement to submit them through the online submission.

4- Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJGO.

5- Issues raised: (1) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; and (2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Response: We added Author Contributions, and we provided the original figures as PPT

6- Re-Review: Required.

We carefully addressed all comments. A point-by--by-point reply to the comments is given. We hope that we appropriately address all comments.

7- Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: We are **very thanks for** this encouraging comment.