

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article entitled "Differences in dietary habits of people with vs without irritable bowel syndrome and its association with symptom and psychological status" is an interesting original article. Title is appropriate, as well as abstract and references. Introduction is well performed, providing enough information to know the actual situation as well as the concerns to promote the study. Methodology is well explained, being easy to reproduce the study. Results are correct, providing a well mixed information between tables/figures and text. Finally, discussion is well structured. In my personal opinion, there are none suggested modifications to the article. In addition, English language is correct. My final decision is to publish the paper.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Differences in dietary habits of people with vs without irritable bowel syndrome and its association with symptom and psychological status. This is an original paper that aims to compare dietary habits between IBS patients and non-IBS participants from food categories, quantity per time, and intake frequency in a Chinese population. The secondary purpose was to explore the correlation between symptoms, psychological status, and diet. The Authors stated in the conclusion that the intake frequency and quantity per time of soybeans and its products, spicy foods, and dry-fried nuts were positively associated with clinical and psychological status. The intake frequency of soybean was a risk factor for IBS. General comment: This is an interesting study because the Eastern diet is very different from the Western diet and food that might trigger IBS symptoms should be identified in these regions. Specific comments: 1. In my opinion this is a pilot study due to the very low sample size of the study of the IBS population. I suggest adding this to the title. 2. In the introduction you reported that “the majority of studies using the food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) might not fully reflect the diet habits of IBS patients.” Please could you add the specific bibliography. 3. In the methods section: You wrote “a survey was conducted among the residents of a community, China.” How did you select individuals that underwent questionnaires? Moreover, a multidimensional dietary questionnaire was designed. “The innovative questionnaire involved three dimensions, including food categories, intake frequency, and quantity per time, rather than simply classifying responses as “yes or no” as noted in previous studies.” Did you validate it? Please, add as a supplementary file the questionnaire. 4. In the results: In Table 1. Sociodemographic characteristics, please, add IBS subtypes 5. In the discussion The discussion should be more focused on the limitations of the study

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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Thank you for the opportunity to re-review this manuscript. The detailed letter has responded to the majority of my concerns; however I asked: Did you validate it? From the author's response, there are statements of validity and reliability, however, if Authors claim that this questionnaire has been validated, a citation is needed. If not citation available, then it is not validated and it should be clearly stated in the method and discussed as limitation of the study. Moreover, you wrote in the Study setting From May 2020 to July 2020, a survey was conducted among the permanent residents using simple random sampling in a community, China. This answer explained the selection method, however, it did not clarify the community.