

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript No 6973-original article (AJE edited).doc).

Title: Sweet food improves chronic stress-induced IBS-like symptoms in rats

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Reviewer 00012499

Specific comments 1: Abstract and methods: chow must be defined as standard lab food for rats.

Answer: According to the reviewer's suggestion I revised the text in the abstract and method as follows.

-Methods line 2-3 in the abstract; "The rats were fed standard rodent chow as the chow food and/or AIN-76A as the sweet food."

-Method 12-13 line in the main text; "We used commercial standard rodent chow (60% carbohydrate, 20% protein, 4.5% fat, Purina Mills Inc., St. Louis, MO, USA) as the chow food"

Specific comments 2: The initial body weight is unclear, approx 270 (study design) or 290g (Fig.2.A). The 2nd par. of results cites the end weights after 6 weeks without pointing this out.

Answer: We appreciate this catch. However data are correct. The average body weight was 270g when they arrived in the method section, and the weight one week after acclimatization was 290g (just before experiment) in the result. To clarify this point we added following sentences in the first part of result.

"At the beginning of the stress experiment, no significant differences were observed in body weight between all groups (CON, 292.50±5.16 g; CVS-A, 291.08±4.73 g; CVS-B, 292.07±2.06 g). However, one week after beginning the stress protocol, there was a significant difference in body weight and food intake between the CON and other groups."

(2) Reviewer 02569554

Specific comments 1: Re check the text by an English native speaker

(3) Reviewer 02571990

Specific comments 1: Maybe you have to improve the language

Answer: The manuscript was revised for English language by "American Journal Experts" editing service.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Moon Young Lee', written in a cursive style.

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