Dear Reviewers

Many thanks of the thoughtful comments and suggestions regarding our article.

We have incorporated the suggestions in our revised article as follows:

- 1. The figure/diagram has been modified and references added.
- 2. Atrophic gastritis has been added as an indication for H.pylori testing.
- 3. The sensitivity and specificity of stool H.pylori antigen testing even in the face of ongoing PPI therapy has been added.
- 4. Treatment of H.pylori and SIBO co-infection was touched upon although there is no clear evidence or recommendations on this condition.

Regards

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