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<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This manuscript is an opinion review that well focuses on the statu quo of the overall research in the field of probiotic and IBS. The Authors highlight the most important research topics, the problems that have now been resolved and remain to be resolved, and the future research directions that may maximize the practical impact on the field of IBS and probiotics. The manuscript is an essay in which the author discusses this core issue in a reasonable and thorough manner. In the core tip the Authors suggest the need to design a clinical study where the IBS subgroups are initially defined to understand if all IBS subtypes are treatable with the same probiotic or combination of probiotics. In the conclusion set however The Authors seem to suggest that such a type of study is quite not feasible at the moment. May be this issue could be more deeply discussed to avoid denying what the core tip stated.



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Thanks to the authors for the extensive review about IBS and probiotics. The manuscript cites appropriately the latest and important references. I do not have any criticism.



**RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT**

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Thank you for your revision. The manuscript is now compliant with the criteria of



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