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We thank the Editor and the Reviewers for the comments and suggestions that have been taken into account to revise and improve our paper (Manuscript NO: 37724). We would like to inform the editor that we have made the additions and corrections as requested by you. We have highlighted these changes with yellow strike through color.

Reviewer 1.

I read with interest this innovative MS on mechanism of action of FODMAP Diet in IBS. The Authors should be commended for providing such an innovative MS. No concerns on this side.

Our response

Thank you very much for your kind feedback.

Reviewer 2.

Nice idea, nice methodology, quite pioneer work; the small size of patients prevent this manuscript to offer decisive conclusions; we suggest to reformulate it as a letter to editor.

Our response

Thank you for your comment. We acknowledge the small sample size of our study and have indeed underlined the issue in the discussion session. We feel that our study will better serve the readers of WJG if it is published as a detailed full paper rather as a letter. By providing full details of the study we can help other researchers to formulate better and more rigorous studies when using SmartPill and investigating effects of FODMAPs in IBS.

Reviewer 3.

Excellent study the authors already mentioned the limitation that the number of patients have been too small to detect all true differences between the breads. But such an interesting study include the double-blind randomized setting and standardization of the evening snack before the trial and all food consumed during the first 24 hours of the test period make this very desirable for readers and an interesting idea for further future studies.

Our response

We are pleased for your encouraging words, thank you. We also hope that our study would help designing larger randomized studies of this kind. There is still much research work to be done in IBS.