

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

The authors wish to thank the reviewers for their suggestions.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5767-revised.doc).

Title: Sex hormones in the modulation of irritable bowel syndrome

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The manuscript has been amended according to the suggestions:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the comments of the reviewers.

First Reviewer (00503417)

Comments to the Authors: The article is a comprehensive review of the relationship between sex hormones and IBS. It can serve as a good reference source for the niche readership who may be interested in the subject. It will help if the authors can give a diagrammatic representation of the possible interactions between the various players.

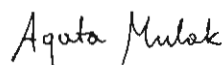
Answer: According to the Reviewer's suggestion, a figure demonstrating the role of sex hormones in the mutual brain-gut-microbiota axis interactions has been included.
Additionally, minor editorial changes have been done.

Second Reviewer (02483407) ~ No remarks.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for the invitation to contribute to the special issue on irritable bowel syndrome celebrating the 20th anniversary of *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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