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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

IBS is a common gastrointestinal disorder, There is no effective treatment for IBS so far. FMT seems promising. FMT as a treatment for IBS has been reported in seven RCTs, but they have different outcomes. The authors discuss these differences between these RCTs from the selection processes for the donor and treated patients, the dose of transplant used, and the route of administration. Then , the authors analysis the possible mechanisms underlying the effect of FMT, the conclusion is reasonable. This article gives us a appropriate view of existing RCTs results, which would be helpful. Only a few fixes are required: 1) There are no spaces between words in many sentences. 2) The explanation of Figure 8 "Scaled PCA plot of fecal samples before and after transplantation for placebo ...", should it be "Scaled PCA plot of fecal samples before and 1 month after transplantation for placebo"? "Fecal samples before and after transplantation...", should it be "Fecal samples before and 1 month after transplantation..."? And the same changes are required in the explanations of Figure 10, 11, 12, 13. 3) The explanation of Figure 16: "Figure 16. Serotonin-immunoreactive cells in the colon of a healthy subject (arrows) and in a patient with IBS (B)", should it be : "Figure 16. Serotonin-immunoreactive cells (arrows) in the colon of a healthy subject (A) and in a patient with IBS (B)."?

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Corrections were finished, no further revision is needed