

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6451_IBS_WJG_Amend.docx).

Title: Irritable bowel syndrome in children: Pathogenesis, diagnosis and evidence-based treatment

Author: Bhupinder Kaur Sandhu, Siba Prosad Paul

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 6451

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers, all amendments and new additions are highlighted in a red font in the revised manuscript:

RESPONSE TO REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

Reviewer #00504665

This is a review article on IBS in children. IBS is a common problem in children. This article covers various aspects of IBS, including epidemiology, clinical history as well as various treatment options. It is well written and easy to understand. In the section on

probiotics, the authors, if possible, should cite more recent publications or review. This is a very rapid growing area and in 2013 alone, there are a number of review articles published on the topic.

Response: Thanks for kindly reviewing the manuscript and providing useful suggestions for improvement of the manuscript. As suggested we have added 8 new papers highlighting the usefulness of Probiotics in pediatric IBS. Hope this will prove useful for the readers.

Reviewer # 00000719

This is a good and useful review of an important issue. The paper is well written. The list of references provided is inadequate and needs expansion to reflect the current state of knowledge.

Response: Thanks for kindly reviewing the paper. As suggested we have added 31 new references and have amended another reference. Hope these new additions will reflect the newer advances in pediatric IBS and will prove useful for the readers.

RESPONSE TO ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

When you send back, please provide the format of doc, not the format of PDF. Thank you!

Response: The amended manuscript in Word format is included.

CORE TIP

Please write a summary of less than 100 words to outline the most innovative and important arguments and core contents in your paper to attract readers.

Response: This is included as requested (please see below).

Irritable bowel syndrome is the commonest functional gastrointestinal disorder regarding which there is often limited knowledge amongst clinicians. This paper aims to address the clinical challenges that a clinician may face in managing children with

IBS. Importance of the application of the Rome III criteria and a focused history is necessary to diagnose IBS. An evidence-based approach for managing children with IBS is highlighted in this article followed by a section on Current best practice – authors' personal view. We hope the readers will find this article helpful in their clinical practice.

Please put the reference numbers in square brackets in superscript at the end of citation content or after the cited author's name. Please check across the text.

Response: The amended manuscript has the references revised as suggested

All figures, tables and legends should not be in the main text. They should be put at the end of this paper.

Response: The suggestion has been followed.

Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout. The author should provide the first page of the paper without PMID and DOI.

PMID (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed>) DOI (<http://www.crossref.org/Sim>)

Response: The suggestion has been followed.

There is only one paper (Reference 15) in the list of references and that was a conference abstract. I have copied the conference abstract from the *FASEB JOURNAL* website and included this as a separate attachment.