

# Answering Reviewers

Dear Reviewers,

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript (Manuscript NO.: 69913, Basic Study) .

The reviews's comments were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. The revisions in the manuscript is complete. We have resolved all issues in the manuscript that were raised in the peer-review report(s) and provide point-by-point responses to each of the issues.

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: In this fundamental study, the authors described that the supernatants of *Bacillus subtilis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, and *Enterococcus faecalis* could upregulate the SERT expression for post-infections IBS. The efficacy of supernatants of *Bacillus subtilis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, and *Enterococcus faecalis* was concentration-dependent. The combined supernatant of *Bacillus subtilis* and *Enterococcus faecalis* was more efficacious than a single supernatant. It is well written, well designed paper. It is suitable for WJG readers. The minor concern of this article is busy Figures and a need for more English editing.

Response:

We have improved the linguistic problems and sent our revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company or a native English-speaking expert to polish the manuscript further. We uploaded the new Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate and have improved the form of figures.

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors: Groundbreaking work revealing that supernatants of *Bacillus subtilis*, *Enterococcus faecium* and *Enterococcus faecalis* could upregulate the SERT expression. This paves the way to better understanding of IBS. Congratulations!

Response: Thanks for your approval. Deficiencies have been improved.

We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in

the World Journal of Gastroenterology.Thank you very much!

Sincerely,  
Yuming Wang