

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



**Title:** No Association of G-Protein Beta Polypeptide 3 Polymorphisms with Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Evidences from a Meta-Analysis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:  
1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer  
Reviewer#1

The authors present an interesting meta-analysis on the association of G-Protein Polypeptide 3 polymorphisms with irritable bowel syndrome. Since irritable bowel syndrome comprises a true multifactorial disease further insights in the pathogenesis are warranted. In this context the reviewer would like to ask the authors to give some more details on other factors which are related to irritable bowel syndrome. Furthermore some more information on the possible association of GNB3 to IBS is necessary.

**Response: - Thanks for your thoughtful comment. We give more details on other factors which are related to IBS and more information on the possible association of GNB3 to IBS. (Letters mark in red in the part of Introduction and Discussion, respectively) If you think more statements needs to be done, please do not hesitate to tell us.**

Reviewer#2

It is an interesting story. Unfortunately, your manuscript had too many mistakes of punctuation marks and grammar. Please revise your manuscript extensively by native English speaker.

**Respond- We are highly grateful for your invaluable comments. We have**

revised the WHOLE manuscript carefully and tried to avoid any mistakes of punctuation marks and grammar. If you think additional editing needs to be done in order to further improve the language of manuscript, please feel free to contact us.

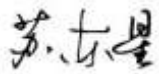
Reviewer#3

This meta-analysis clearly demonstrates that no significant association exists between G-Protein Beta Polypeptide 3 Polymorphisms and Irritable Bowel Syndrome. The authors screened the existing literature and data analysis was performed according to the standards of meta-analyses. Mainly basic research, clinical application questionable.

**Response: - Thank you so much for you advice. We have revised the type of study in the revised manuscript.**

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Sincerely yours,



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