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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled "Cellular and molecular basis of chronic constipation: taking the functional/idiopathic label out" submitted by Bassotti et al. addresses a central controversy and presents their arguments in a clear and concise way. The authors are encouraged to check the manuscript for grammar and sentence structure - but only a few sentences are affected by this. In the Introduction, the sentence structure in the second paragraph is not clear - please revise the sentence. In the section entitled "Neuroenteric abnormalities in constipation" the authors mention nitric oxide release as the reason for constipation. Since nitric oxide is mainly related to vasodilation of blood vessels, how would this affect intestinal motility? Please briefly clarify. Furthermore, whenever an abbreviation is being used please include it when first introducing the term (ICC on page 5 and 6). The section on "New cellular players in neuromotility disorders" contains some misspellings such as "individuated" and adjutants which should be "adjuvants". At the end of this section the authors provide a hypothesis which should be stated as such. A sentence in the conclusions section needs to be rephrased - "hide our ignorance of a topic" sounds rather unscientific. Overall a very well written and thoughtful editorial which deserves publication after some minor revisions.