

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJOG_5960_reviewed.doc).

Title: The role of antispasmodics in the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome

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

Reviewer 1. We thank the reviewer for his useful comments. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer. These modifications in the text and in the table have been highlighted in yellow.

- (1) "Regarding the pathophysiology of IBS, the authors need to state that IBS is consecutive to an alteration of brain-gut interactions." – The role of alteration of brain-gut interactions in IBS has now been added to the 'PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF IBS' section.
- (2) "IBS is also considered as an IBD a minima because of the inflammatory modifications in the digestive tract. The role of mastocytes needs also to be addressed." – The 'PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF IBS' section has now been completed with data on the inflammatory changes in the digestive tract in IBS. The role of mastocytes has also been discussed.
- (3) "There is nothing in the paper on phloroglucinol, as an antispasmodic." – A separate chapter on phloroglucinol has been opened in 'MODERN ANTISPASMODICS WITHOUT

CARDIOVASCULAR SIDE EFFECTS' section and available data regarding the effects of phloroglucinol in IBS have been collected and summarized. These data have also been added to Table 1.

Reviewer 2. We thank the reviewer for his valuable opinion. English language polishing has been made by the help of American Journal Experts, an English language editing company. The modifications are marked in red in the text, and the certificate from the editing company has also been attached.

Finally, Table 1 has been inserted in the text in Excel format, according to the Editor's request.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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