

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18903-Review.doc).

**Title:** Diagnosis and management of functional symptoms in inflammatory bowel disease in remission

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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

### COMMENTS OF REVIEWER NUMBER 1

This is an interesting and thought-provoking review on IBS-symptoms in IBD patients. The authors should be commended for their thorough review of the literature. The manuscript, however, does need some work. There are obvious language and grammatical errors that need to be corrected. Also, there are sections that are too long and somewhat confusing. The tables are helpful. Overall, I would recommend language revision, shortening by 1/4, and perhaps adding 2-3 "key points" as bullet points to each section that is supported by the current literature. The readers will enjoy this.

#### AUTHORS ANSWER

Language and grammar have been corrected following our editing service recommendations. The work has been shortened and we have tried to simplify the most confusing parts. Key points have been added at the beginning of each section.

### COMMENTS OF REVIEWER NUMBER 2

The manuscript on Diagnosis and management of functional symptoms in inflammatory bowel disease in remission is educational, profound and elucidative. It is one of the best contributions to the discussion of a controversial theme. It is a good manuscript and should be published. However, minor English language review is required.

#### AUTHORS ANSWER

Language and grammar have been corrected following our editing service recommendations.

### COMMENTS OF REVIEWER NUMBER 3

The authors have completed a thorough review on functional symptoms in IBD encompassing prevalence, etiology and management. There is a need for this type of discussion, and the topic is

excellent. There are areas in requirement of improvement. First, attention to English grammar and sentence construction requires editing and refinement. Second, many of the sub-headings/titles of sections could be re-written to better reflect the content under discussion. Third, although the authors discuss in a cursory manner SBBOG, bile salt diarrhea and partial obstruction contributing to symptoms, I feel this discussion is inadequate, and would benefit from a greater expansion of when to think about SBBOG etc. In particular, a description of risk factors for SBBOG in the IBD context would be of value, and clinically relevant diagnostic tests. The same would apply to bile salt diarrhea. What about pancreatic insufficiency, and other sources of malabsorption, such as cholestasis, especially in the context of PSC? It is conceivable this discussion is out of the scope of this review article that focuses on functional bowel disease, however, at least acknowledgement to these factors would be an asset. Fourth, some of the sections are long and redundant. I would recommend tightening these areas.

#### AUTHORS ANSWER

Language and grammar have been corrected following our editing service recommendations. We have re-written the sub-headings that seemed more confusing. In the section entitled "Are all patients in remission susceptible of suffering IBS-like symptoms?" we describe more thoroughly when to suspect the presence of SBBOG, bile salt diarrhea and partial obstruction, and how to diagnose them. We have shortened the manuscript avoiding redundancies.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

Sincerely yours,

Carlos Teruel