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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much to evaluate the two complementary manuscripts entitled for the first one "*Chitin-glucan improves important pathophysiological features of IBS*" and for the second one "*Efficacy and tolerability of chitin-glucan associated with simethicone (GASTRAP® DIRECT) in IBS: an open-label multicentric study*" which we would like to submit for publication respectively as a Basic Research Study and a Clinical Trial Study in the same issue of World Journal of Gastroenterology.

The preclinical study extends the prebiotic roles of chitin-glucan to new biological and functional properties in relation to the main physiological mechanisms of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). Sustained by these preclinical data, the second study is a prospective multicentric-open label clinical trial evaluating 100 IBS patients recruited in secondary and tertiary cares showing that the association of chitin-glucan and simethicone could represent a promising natural non-chemotherapeutic solution in the management of these patients. Statistical analysis was controlled by Dr Mickael Genin in the Biostatistics and data management Unit of Lille University.

We think that these two complementary studies represent a conceptual advance relevant for the scientific and medical communities and we hope that they will be suitable for publication in the Word Journal of Gastroenterology.

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