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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is of interested to provide a good review of IBS/probiotics. However, the paper needs some major revision before it can be considered: - include more recent literature (>25 papers since 2012!, only 3 of them quoted) - include fecal microbiota transplantation as a concept - describe the present knowledge of the normal intestinal microflora in more detail - correction of spelling errors - correction of the references in the text and the reference list