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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor: I have read with interest the manuscript entitled "Caecal pH is a biomarker of excessive fermentation in patients with symptoms of bloating and distension" by Adam D Farmer and coworkers. It is an interesting topic for the readers of WJG. It can be published in the journal after review by the authors. In the exclusion criteria the authors considered the history of a systemic disorder with known GI manifestations such as Diabetes Mellitus. Several patients have no history of Diabetes mellitus, but it does not mean that they have not the condition. To exclude systemic disease such as Diabetes mellitus or Thyroid disease (no mentioned in the manuscript) they should at least test the patient with HbA1C and TSH. There is not mention of other factors affecting the motility such as smoking, Obesity. The groups are not uniform. In the control group there are older patient. There are many controversial studies describing an increase in gastro intestinal disorder of function and motility with ageing. The patient underwent upper and lower endoscopy but small intestine conditions were not excluded.



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Interesting and innovative paper of great clinical impact. To be accepted without revision.