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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a narrative review of the literature on irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and the implications of microbiota-host interactions. It is a well-written paper and the authors have exhausted the existing published literature. However, the manuscript is too wordy with a lot of redundant information. The authors should provide a shorter version of their manuscript focusing only on the subject of their review. To give a few examples: (1) explaining the definitions of "metagenome" and "microbiome" (page 1-2) and (2) describing the findings of the historical article by Nissle on the epithelial barrier function (page 3) are out of the scope of this review. Having a whole page of conclusive remarks highlights by itself the too detailed way the authors decide to write this review.



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This is a review paper on the role of microbiota on the different aetiologic mechanisms associated with IBS. The article is well written and organised: I just suggest to the Authors to make more simple the text focusing a little bit more on the topic as suggested in the title, avoiding what could be out of the scope of the review (i.e. metagenome, metabolome, proteome, and also in the conclusion avoid the first two paragraphs in the conclusion.