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Major A number of IBS-related putative genes have been identified. Most require validation. One suspects that each may only contribute some 1-5% to the pathophysiology of IBS. (Nature 2012;491:56-65) This review would greatly benefit from a synthesis of what is important rather than just a list of publications showing associations. A summary table would also help. Minor 1. Several minor English syntax errors warrant attention. 2. bring references up to date: e.g.; Gastroenterology 2014;146;1659-1668.



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The paper may be considered for publication while several important questions remain open. I like to know how the genetic polymorphism may take part in the clinical diagnostic workup of IBS. Psychosocial stress is considered to play an important role in the generation of clinical symptoms. The paper does not give any data or hypothesis about the relationship between stress-induced symptoms and genetic background, if it exists.