

ESPS PEER REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an important topic but I must admit, as a clinical investigator with an interest in IBS, that I found it very hard to follow as will most of the readership of this journal. 1. Terms like "the whole heterogeneous construct", "the three factor analytically derived subscales", "scale unidimensionality", "taxometric", "factor analysis with orthogonal rotation", "a clear loading pattern" and the entire results section will be completely obscure to this readership and must be explained. 2. Is this really a symptom severity scale or a symptom frequency scale? 3. On page 5 four additional scales are mentioned but only 3 seem to be listed.

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A well conceived and implemented study to show that IBS symptoms occur in healthy individuals not amounting to a diagnosis of IBS. And they suggest that a bifactor model using Birmingham IBS scale and a set of 3 other symptom-specific questionnaires can address this issue better with possible implications in studying therapeutic response. There are a few comments: Would young individuals (mean age 25 years and 77% females) be representative of the true adult population. How was the sample size calculated The 3 disease specific questionnaires and their scoring could be added in appendices.

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The manuscript requires a radical revision

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I have review the manuscript, but I am very sorry to say that since evaluation of this paper is behind of me I would like to be dismissed from reviewing of this paper.

Sincerely.

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This manuscript showed the validity of a bifactor model of IBS symptom severity. This study has some of novelties. I have some of comments described as follows. 1. Authors should mention approval of IRB and the informed consent. 2. Authors should mention three measures such as fatigue severity scale, pain sensitivity questionnaire and somatoform dissociation questionnaire in details.