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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is good to see clinical research in this field, where such data on effect of IBS-subtype on IBS-QOL ( the most validated disease specific questionnaire for IBS ) is sparse, and the present manuscript might provide some interesting findings regarding relationship between IBS-subtype and IBS-QOL. A publication of these data would be a useful contribution to clinicians and primary care clinicians. However, the manuscript needs careful revision before it can be accepted Specific Comments: 1. The references number need to be sequenced , please check and rearrange them. 2. Page 6 Line 9 before the [20], the dot need to be deleted; Page 10 Line8 U.S. and Line 6 US is that the same? 3. Page 7 Line 2, about the 34-item questionnaire assessing quality of life along eight domains, but in fact the detail just contain 7 domains, please recheck that. 4. The total IBS patients is 251, and 9 patients excluded, and the remaining is not 243, please check it and corrected the number and the real number of the different IBS sub-type in results. 5. IBS sub-type include 4, and every result just contain 3, and lost the IBS-U, please add to describe the result on sub-type IBS-U , and also corrected these in the Table 1,2, because the titles of the tables just said "among four IBS subtypes".



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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	PubMed Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
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		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for sharing this interesting study.

General Comments:

1. I agree with you that this study is important for clinical practice. The clinicians need to pay more attention when managing IBS-subgroup symptoms. I also think that the findings from this study can be applied to the primary care clinician as well.
2. This is not really a novelty of the research.
3. The quality of the manuscript's presentation and readability is good. However, please recheck the numbering order of citations and references.
4. The IRB approved this study.

Specific Comments:

1. Introduction and Materials & Methods:

1.1 Please recheck the sequence of citations and reference numbers to match the numbers cited in the text. For example, introduction ended with reference #17, then Methods: Study Population: started



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with reference #20 that did not match what was presented in the reference section. I found that reference #18 showed later under Disease-related QOL.

1.2 Under Assessment of gastrointestinal symptom severity, you mentioned that “Although PGI-SYM is not validated in IBS-patients, .....” Have you tested the validity and reliability of this questionnaire for use in only IBS patients?

2. Results: Could you please recheck and clarify the number of IBS patients that remained in the study or were added into the analysis? 251 IBS patients were screened and nine were excluded due to insufficient information to add them into IBS subgroups (251 - 9 = 242). Your calculation was that 243 patients remained in the study.

3. References: Many references (~33%) are more than 10 year old. Would you be able to find more up-to-date references? Please reorganize the numbers.