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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a literature review study on the spectrum of mucosal inflammation in irritable bowel disorders (IBS). The authors presented a good summary of reported linkage between inflammation and IBS, and concluded with recommendations for future clinical trials and clinical management of the diagnosis. As such, the study report could be very informative for relevant clinicians and researchers. However, I have several comments as follows: 1. As a literature review study, I would like to see a summary of literature findings (with the inclusion criteria) below the Methods section. A flow chart may be helpful for the summary. 2. In the introduction section, I would like to see a couple of sentences summarizing the gender difference in IBS prevalence or incidence. 3. Given the amount of acronyms and abbreviations being used in the manuscript, it would be helpful for readers if (1) a summary table can be provided, OR (2) the authors can spell out each one of them when it occurs for the first time. For example, PI-IBS, CRC, FED, etc. 4. Please define or clarify "low-grade inflammation". 5. Please make sure (1) every full sentence ends with period mark (.), (2) word spelling in the text, and (3) capitalized the word such as Japanese, British, etc.