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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read with interest the review MS on IBS Psich burden by S. Ballou and coworkers. The Authors should be congratulated for providing such a relevant and well designed review article. No concerns from this side.



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The paper by Ballou et al reports on a very interesting aspect of IBS, i.e. its psychosocial and economic impact. The main drawback of the present manuscript is that it is too generic, so it needs to be better explored and discussed. Authors should report which questionnaires and clinical evaluation scales are commonly used to investigate quality of life in IBS. Cognitive behavioral therapy should be explained more in depth. In detail, it is important to estimate quantitatively the effectiveness of this treatment in IBS. A table could be useful. Percentages about the prevalence of psychiatric comorbidities are lacking, and could be enclosed in a table. Are there studies which have demonstrated if current therapies for IBS (drugs or psychological treatments) are able to improve the quality of life? If yes, is the economic burden linked to these treatments cost-effective to compensate the lost work productivity? The conclusion is too short, and needs to be further discussed.