

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5734-review.doc).

Title: Molecular basis of the irritable bowel syndrome

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1 (00004594):

Thank you for your positive comments. The sentence on page 9 was corrected as suggested.

Reviewer 2:

Thank you for your positive comments.

In the introduction the M-IBS and the second and third paragraph were corrected as suggested

The abbreviation was corrected

Reviewer 3 (00001373):

Thank you for your positive comments

The genetic changes involving the endocannabinoid system were included in the revised manuscript as suggested.

Reviewer 4 (018-1246):

Thank you for your positive comments

A relative comments on pathophysiology, future directions and criteria were added in the Introduction

A table was added as suggested

The FODMAP diet was discussed as suggested.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maria Gazouli', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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