

January 18, 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6517 Irritable bowel syndrome: a disease still searching for pathogenesis, diagnosis and therapy review.doc).

Title: Irritable bowel syndrome: a disease still searching for pathogenesis, diagnosis and therapy

Authors: Massimo Bellini, Dario Gambaccini, Cristina Stasi, Maria Teresa Urbano, Santino Marchi, Paolo Usai Satta

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

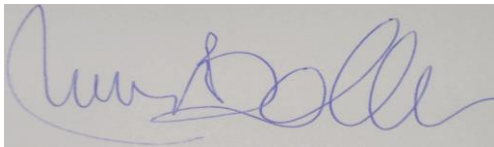
ESPS Manuscript NO: 6517

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

- (1) Postcodes of Paolo Usai Satta and Cristina Stasi were included
- (2) A core tip of less than 100 words was included to outline the most innovative and important arguments and core contents in our paper.
- (3) The words “bifidobacteria”, “lactobacilli”, “clostridia” were re-written not in capital letter (reviewer 00036653)
- (4) A brief section on methodology including mention of which sources were used to retrieve and evaluate information was added as requested by reviewer 00227589
- (5) Alternative therapeutic approaches were discussed a bit further as requested by reviewer 00227589
- (6) 5HT3 and 5HT4 were corrected everywhere in “5HT₃” and “5HT₄”
- (7) Two typesetting errors in the text were corrected
- (8) Figure was made decomposable using ppt
- (9) All abbreviations appearing in the tables or figures were listed and defined.

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

Sincerely yours,



Massimo Bellini, MD, PhD

Gastrointestinal Unit, Department of Gastroenterology, University of Pisa,

Pisa 56124, Italy

Fax: +39-050 997368

E-mail: mbellini@med.unipi.it