

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7001-review.doc).

**Title:** Methodological issues in the study of intestinal microbiota in irritable bowel syndrome

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 1 and Reviewer 2: no comments need reply.

Reviewer 3

- (1) *"Authors could also search for articles with these key words: "Irritable bowel syndrome + microbiome" or "IBS+microbiota", etc. Please either use IBS-C and IBS-D or C-IBS and D-IBS"*  
We added the suggested criteria of searching, also specifying it in the text.
- (2) *"The second half of the manuscripts needs just a little grammatical refining to improve fluency"*  
We refined the MS and submitted it to revision of English language, as certificated by NPG Language Editing.
- (3) *"Line 134-135: Please correct the grammar"*  
We corrected the grammar
- (4) *"Line 173: It may also be mentioned that microarray results are not usually fully trusted in other molecular biology experiments and need to be verified by other molecular techniques."*  
We added this information according to reviewer suggestion and added this sentence in the text (line 171-173): "Moreover, the results obtained solely through microarray are not considered sufficiently reliable, unless confirmation of these data is provided through other techniques, particularly qPCR.."
- (5) *"Line 207: Please correct the grammar "*  
We corrected the grammar (now line 208-210)
- (6) *"Line 296: Please convert Clostridium to C. A number of such corrections are required throughout the manuscript".*  
We corrected accordingly throughout the manuscript.
- (7) *Line 354: "Please correct grammatically"*  
We corrected the grammar (now line...)


(8) *Line 464: "From"*

We corrected accordingly.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simone Guglielmetti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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