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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers as detailed below and highlighted in the text:

- 1 Reviewer 02438889 suggested the inclusion of a list of abbreviations. This has been added (pg 2). We have also mentioned the importance of dietary factors in the etiology of IBS in the abstract and in the text (pg 12).
2. The minor corrections suggested by reviewer 00037648 have all been ammended.
3. All minor corrections suggested by reviewer 02528832 have been addressed and the role of the other intestinal hormones in GI function has been included in the text (pg 13)
4. The comments by reviewer 00068413 have been addressed.
5. The contribution of each author and 'Core Tip' has also been included.

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

Sincerely yours,

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