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Editor  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your careful review of our manuscript, "Genetic Epidemiology of Irritable Bowel Syndrome". The changes made in response to the reviewers' comments have clarified and enhanced the manuscript. We have responded to the reviewers' comments separately in detail as outlined below.

**Response to Reviewer #1.** Thank you for your careful review of our manuscript.

1. No change suggested.

**Response to Reviewer # 2.** Thank you for your careful review of our manuscript. In response to your specific comments:

1. Results of epidemiologic studies have been summarized in a table. Table is marked as "Table 1".
2. There is no study performed yet linking IBS to RAGE.
3. Tables are correctly referenced in the text now. There are total of two tables – both are appropriately referenced now.

**Response to Reviewer # 3.** Thank you for your careful review of our manuscript.

1. We have indicated more clearly the best approach for further research in the "Future Directions" section of the manuscript.

Other general changes as highlighted in yellow in the manuscript are as follows:

1. Page 1: authors name and affiliated institutions are written according the journal format.
2. Page 3: audio core tip file has been attached.
3. Page 4: Under heading familial aggregation of IBS, word "Table 1" has been in 6<sup>th</sup> line.
4. Page 15: Under heading future directions, in the 8<sup>th</sup> line of paragraph 2, word "Table 2" has been appropriately referenced for the corresponding table given at the end of the manuscript.

The authors who are the native speakers of English language have also reviewed the manuscript again.

Sincerely,

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