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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting and thought-provoking review on IBS-symptoms in IBD patients. The authors should be commended for their thorough review of the literature. The manuscript, however, does need some work. There are obvious language and grammatical errors that need to be corrected. Also, there are sections that are too long and somewhat confusing. The tables are helpful. Overall, I would recommend language revision, shortening by 1/4, and perhaps adding 2-3 "key points" as bullet points to each section that is supported by the current literature. The readers will enjoy this.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript on Diagnosis and management of functional symptoms in inflammatory bowel disease in remission is educational, profound and elucidative. It is one of the best contributions to the discussion of a controversial theme. It is a good manuscript and should be published. However, minor English language review is required.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have completed a thorough review on functional symptoms in IBD encompassing prevalence, etiology and management. There is a need for this type of discussion, and the topic is excellent. There are areas in requirement of improvement. First, attention to English grammar and sentence construction requires editing and refinement. Second, many of the sub-headings/titles of sections could be re-written to better reflect the content under discussion. Third, although the authors discuss in a cursory manner SBBOG, bile salt diarrhea and partial obstruction contributing to symptoms, I feel this discussion is inadequate, and would benefit from a greater expansion of when to think about SBBOG etc. In particular, a description of risk factors for SBBOG in the IBD context would be of value, and clinically relevant diagnostic tests. The same would apply to bile salt diarrhea. What about pancreatic insufficiency, and other sources of malabsorption, such as cholestasis, especially in the context of PSC? It is conceivable this discussion is out of the scope of this review article that focuses on functional bowel disease, however, at least acknowledgement to these factors would be an asset. Fourth, some of the sections are long and redundant. I would recommend



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