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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the comments on the previous version of our manuscript. Please forward our appreciation to the referees for their kind comments and constructive criticisms.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5857-review.doc).

Title: Is irritable bowel syndrome an organic disorder?

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

Point-by-point response to the reviewers

Reviewer 00037816

1. We are aware of the interesting paper of Miwa et al. ~~In this work,~~ In this work, the authors measured the concentration of serotonin in tissue extracts of the colon and rectum of IBS patients. Tissue contraction of a hormone reflects a physiological condition, namely the synthesis and release of this particular hormone. In Table 2 we summarized the structural(anatomical) changes reported in IBS patients and

consequently we left out all the publication, including ours, concerning.

2. Dunlop et al. described serotonin in patients with post-infectious IBS, therefore it was included in Table 3.

3. References and typesetting were checked according to the journal style

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

Sincerely yours,



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