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Re: Manuscript Number 40857

Fang-Fang Ji
Science Editor
World Journal of Radiology

Dear Dr Ji,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. We appreciate the detailed review and helpful comments regarding our manuscript entitled:

Review of the role of abdominal imaging in irritable bowel syndrome

We have incorporated the suggested changes and have made some further small changes that we think have strengthened the manuscript. We would like detail how we **responded** to the specific issues that were raised by the reviewers (highlighted in **bold** in the following section), and clarify the manner in which the paper has been revised.

Reviewers' comments:

1. 03502718

“A slight update on the current references is needed. Else the review is well written. Add some recommendations which may be adapted as practice guidelines”

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have updated the older references with more recent ones. We have also included three recommendations which may be adapted as practice guidelines.

Inserted in References:

- 5 Krogsgaard LR, Engsbro AL, Jones MP, Bytzer P. The epidemiology of irritable bowel syndrome: Symptom development over a 3-year period in Denmark. A prospective, population-based cohort study. *Neurogastroenterology and motility : the official journal of the European Gastrointestinal Motility Society* 2017; **29**(4) [PMID: 27865035 DOI: 10.1111/nmo.12986]
- 9 Rey E, Talley NJ. Irritable bowel syndrome: novel views on the epidemiology and potential risk factors. *Digestive and liver disease : official journal of the Italian Society of Gastroenterology and the Italian Association for the Study of the Liver* 2009; **41**(11): 772-780 [PMID: 19665952 DOI: 10.1016/j.dld.2009.07.005]

Inserted new table: See “Table 1”

2. 00189260

“This review is a very nice overview article about irritable bowel syndrome. IBS is very common syndrome a big clinical issue. However this syndrome is challenge for gastroenterologists, internists and general practitioners. The radiologists position in diagnostics of IBS is zero. Therefore it is not a good journal for this article. I suggest to publish this article in gastroenterological journal.”

Response: Thank you for your comments. We accept your stance on diagnostic radiology's role in irritable bowel syndrome. However, we feel that our article is a worthy addition to the current journal, World Journal of Radiology.

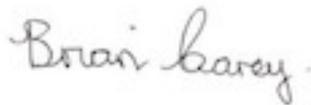
3. 00289529

“I found it as a nice opportunity to refresh the issue. Quite comprehensive and well written”

Response: Thank you for supportive comments.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Carey".

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