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To
The Editor,
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Re: Submission of revisions to MS: 8317536724676099- Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth in irritable bowel syndrome: are there any predictors?

We would like to thank you for reviewing our revision for the manuscript submitted to BMC Gastroenterology. We appreciate your efforts and that of the reviewers in evaluating the manuscript.

The study was approved by the human subjects committee at the University of Kansas Medical Center as an exempt study. This study consisted of chart review and informed consent was not obtained from every patient. We have highlighted this on page 6-paragraph 1 in the methods section.

We would like to thank you and the reviewers again for their input into our manuscript. We have tried to revise the manuscript by incorporating their suggestions and believe that this strengthened the manuscript and hope that the current version of the article is more acceptable. However if there is still thought to be any shortcomings in the article, we would be willing to make further revisions as felt appropriate by the Editor and reviewers.

Regards,

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