Reviewer's report

Title: Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth in irritable bowel syndrome: are there any predictors?

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Major Compulsory Revisions

This study lacks a control group and the criteria used for the GBT have not been validated. Hence, unless the authors can validate these criteria and provide a proper control group, these observations cannot be interpreted with any confidence. Refering to previous studies is not adequate because these studies suffer from the same major flaws.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.