Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Philippe Ducrotte

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The authors have provided satisfactory answers to most of the comments. it remains unclear why so many patients were treated by opiates and if this factor affected the results. It would be useful to have at least a comment in the discussion about this point

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest