Reviewer's report

Title: Development of an educational intervention for patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) - a pilot study.

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Reviewer: Stefan A Mueller-Lissner

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My reviewers comment is as follows:

"An intensive program was developed to teach IBS patients about causes, pathophysiology, prognosis, and management of their disorder. Twelve patients completed the program. They felt much better and rated the teaching program positive over the observation period of 12 months.

* This is an interesting teaching program confirming similar but less intense approaches. As the authors themselves state more objective data such as health care expenditures during follow-up should be obtained in a larger and controlled trial.

* The reference list with 60 titles seems unduly long."