Author's response to reviews

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Point to point reply to reviewer 1

We thank this reviewer for his very valuable comments and for carefully going through our manuscript helping to improve our paper. All of our corrections are highlighted in yellow in the manuscript.

As recommended, the three references are now included in the introduction and in the reference list. Reference 1 (Gupta A et al., 2010) is valuable because it supports that GI dysmotility is associated with SIBO. The two other references by S. V. Rana et al. (2007 and 2008) show that the glucose hydrogen breath test is frequently used in epidemiological studies which investigate SIBO.

Although we excluded subjects with a known intake of antibiotics within one year, it is stated correct that it is difficult to avoid this completely, for example due to contamination of the food. We changed “year” to “month”.

The long sentence at page 4 line 17 is now changed accordingly into two short sentences.

The typos at page 5 line 2 are corrected accordingly.

We also agree with the statement that the intake of high fiber food would result in a high fasting value in the LHBT. Because our subject 3 has got a normal fasting value, high fiber food can not be the reason for his result in this test. The sentence is removed from the manuscript.