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Journal Name:	<a href="#">Journal of Pharmaceutical Research International</a>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JPRI_50285</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Effect of multispecies probiotic supplementation on Irritable bowel syndrome</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>The MSPRI 50285 has some critical issues. Although the structure set for the survey can be considered valid, the number of patients included in the study remains poor. Since the type of treatment is not invasive and of little disturbance to the patient, it is appropriate to integrate the number of subjects into the survey.</p> <p>Furthermore, other factors, such as eating habits and taking pro IBS foods should be taken into consideration</p> <p>As suggested by the authors themselves, the lack of analysis on the type and fecal concentration of probiotics limits the consistency of data in the survey.</p> <p>The bibliography takes into consideration a few recent publications. The text must be revised due to the presence of numerous typing errors.</p>	<p>Thanks for your attention;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The number of patients in our study (60 patients with 52 patients completed the trial) is more than many similar studies publicized on ISI, or other international valid journals, for example:</li> <li>1. Sinn, Dong Hyun, et al. (2008) / Therapeutic Effect of Lactobacillus acidophilus-SDC 2012, 2013 in Patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome/ journal: <i>Digestive Diseases and Sciences</i>/ number of patients: 40</li> <li>2. Yoon, Jun Sik, et al. (2014) / Effect of multispecies probiotics on irritable bowel syndrome: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial/ <i>Journal of gastroenterology and hepatology</i>/ number of patients: 49</li> <li>3. Bausserman, M., &amp; Michail, S. (2005) / The Use of Lactobacillus GG in Irritable Bowel Syndrome in Children: A Double-blind Randomized Control Trial/ <i>The Journal of pediatrics</i>/ number of patients: 50</li> <li>✓ We especially considered patients' diet!! (row 99-100) we specially requested all of the patients not to change their diet. (because we wanted just to evaluate the pure effects of probiotics)</li> <li>✓ Many similar studies have not analysed fecal microbiota. Furthermore, this subject (fecal analysis) was not part of the aims of our study because of different reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many Similar ISI and scopus and ISC studies without analysing of fecal microbiota.</li> <li>2. No or very low controversy in the results of previous fecal analysis, as almost all studies mentioned increasing fecal concentration of probiotics in intervention groups regardless of the improvement in symptoms.</li> <li>• We believe that reviewing some similar articles will solve and remove the dear editor's concerns for publishing of our paper on your journal. We also believe the current article has good strength and consistency comparing with many similar trials.</li> <li>• Please read our cover letter file.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		



**PART 2:**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	There is no ethical issue in our study. Ethical code and IRCT ID are mentioned in the text (row 70-74)