

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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Overview

- **Pathophysiology**
- Clinical Diagnosis
- Treatment

Pathophysiology

- Old Thoughts:
 - Mechanics of the pain: distension
- New Thoughts:
 - Why is the distension happening?
 - Why the sensitivity?

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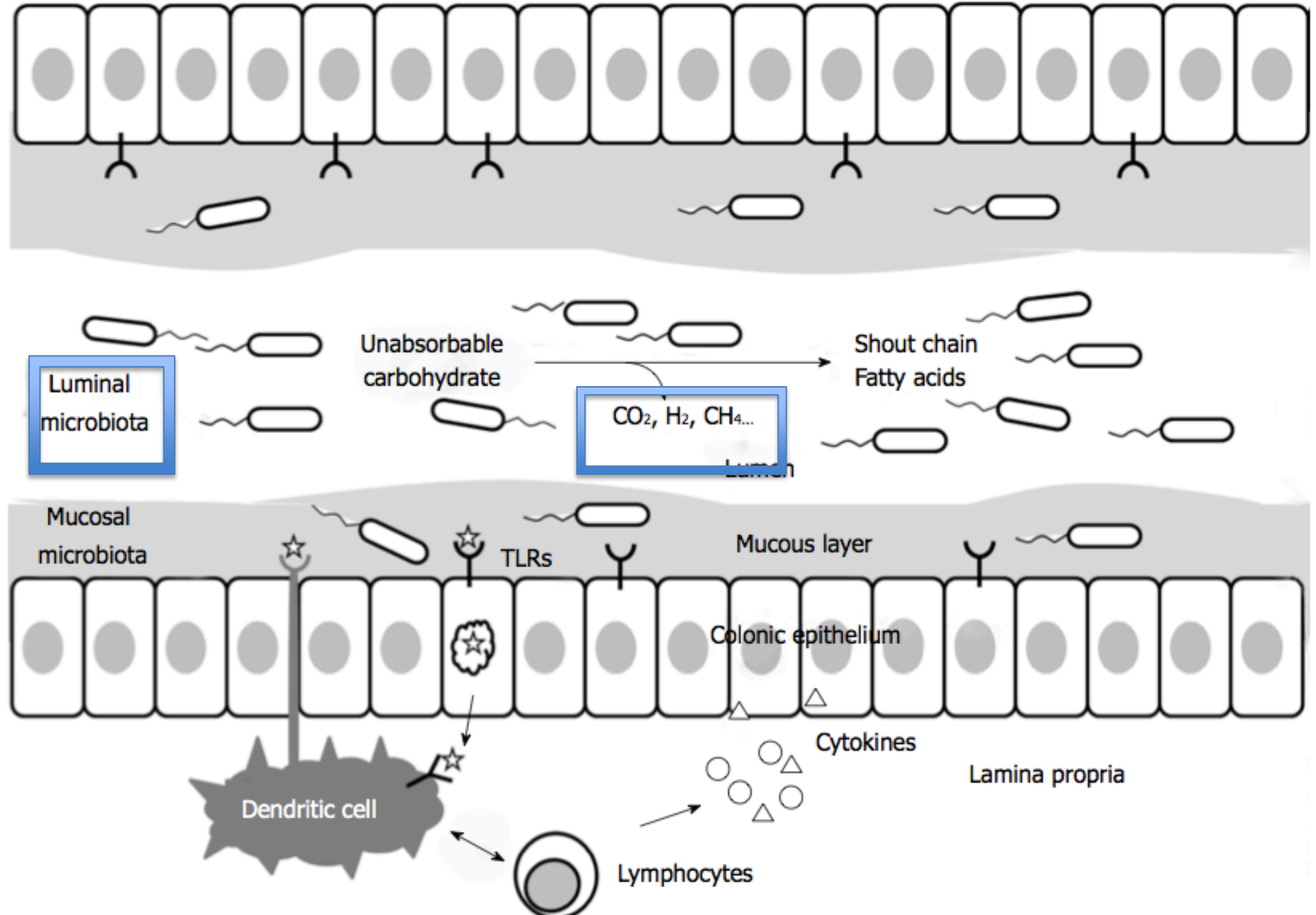
“The device was programmed to deliver distensions at a rapid volume rate (870 ml/min) to constant pressure plateaus, and to log the sensations (*i.e.*, no sensation, moderate sensation, discomfort, and pain)”

Summary of Results

- Rectal perception thresholds were significantly lower in IBS patients than in healthy controls both before and after sigmoid stimulation

Schmulson M, Chang L, Naliboff B, Lee OY, Mayer EA. Correlation of symptom criteria with perception thresholds during rectosigmoid distension in irritable bowel syndrome patients. Am J Gastroenterol 2000 Jan;95(1):152-6.

- Visceral Hypersensitivity
 - Colorectal sensitivity is attenuated in IBS after meal intake, and visceral stimulus is higher during stress
- GI Dysmotility
 - Frequent occurrence of High-Amplitude propagated contractions (HAPCs) in IBS-D
 - Pelvic Floor dyssynergia has symptoms attributed to IBS-C
- Brain-Gut Interaction
 - Sensory perception changes by your environment
 - Corticotropin-Releasing Hormone (CRH) is a mediator of stress in this axis. IV CRH exacerbates colonic motility

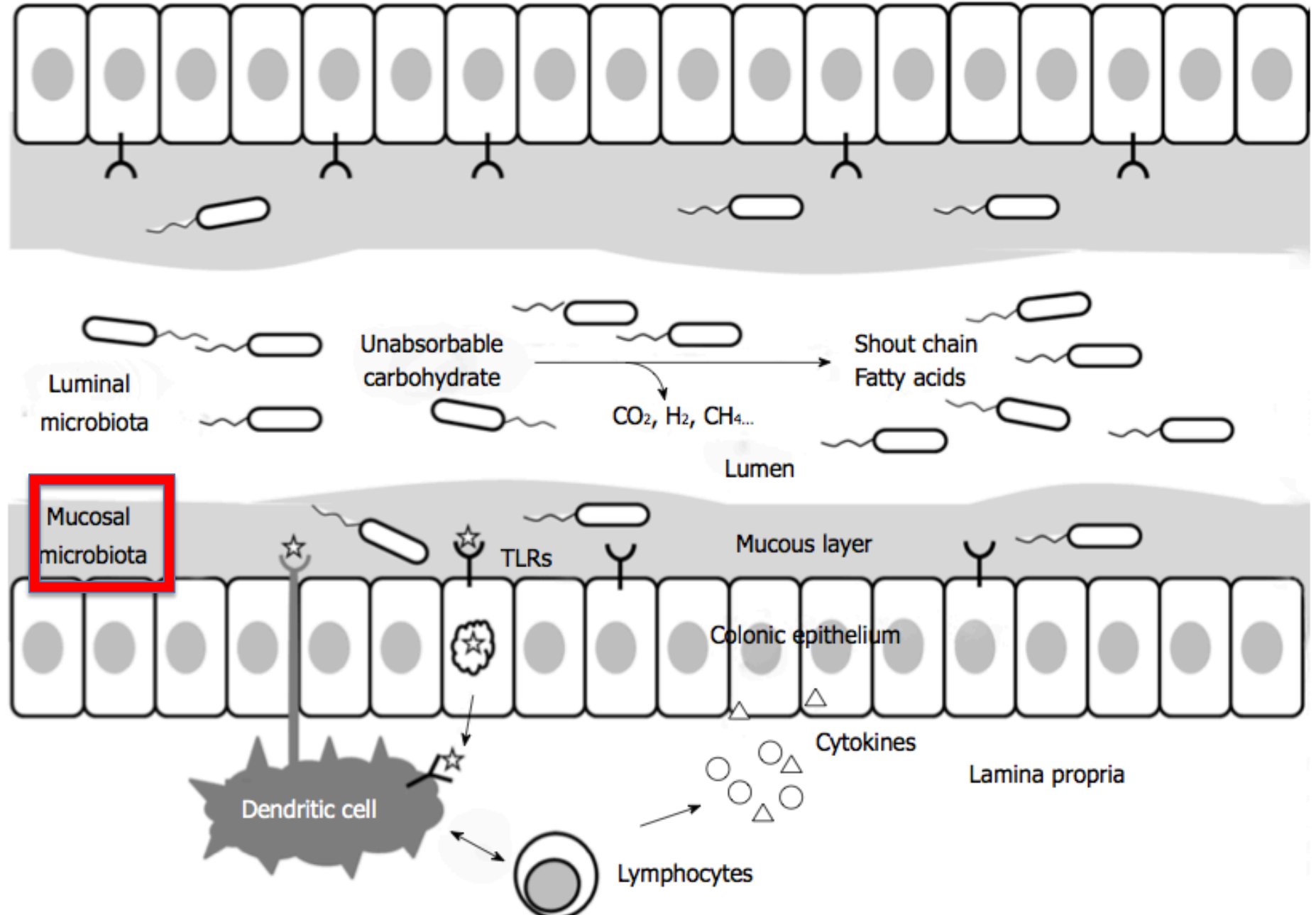


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Luminal Microbiota

- Majority of the GI microbiota
- Makes gas that makes bloating and flatulence
- Microarray study of 16S rRNA showed:
 - IBS had 2 x greater ratio of *Firmicutes* to *Bacteroides* than controls
 - IBS had 1.5 x increase in *Dorea*, *Ruminococcus* and *Clostridium spp.*
 - IBS had 2 x less number of *Bacteroidetes* and 1.5 x less *Bifidobacterium* and *Facalibacterium*



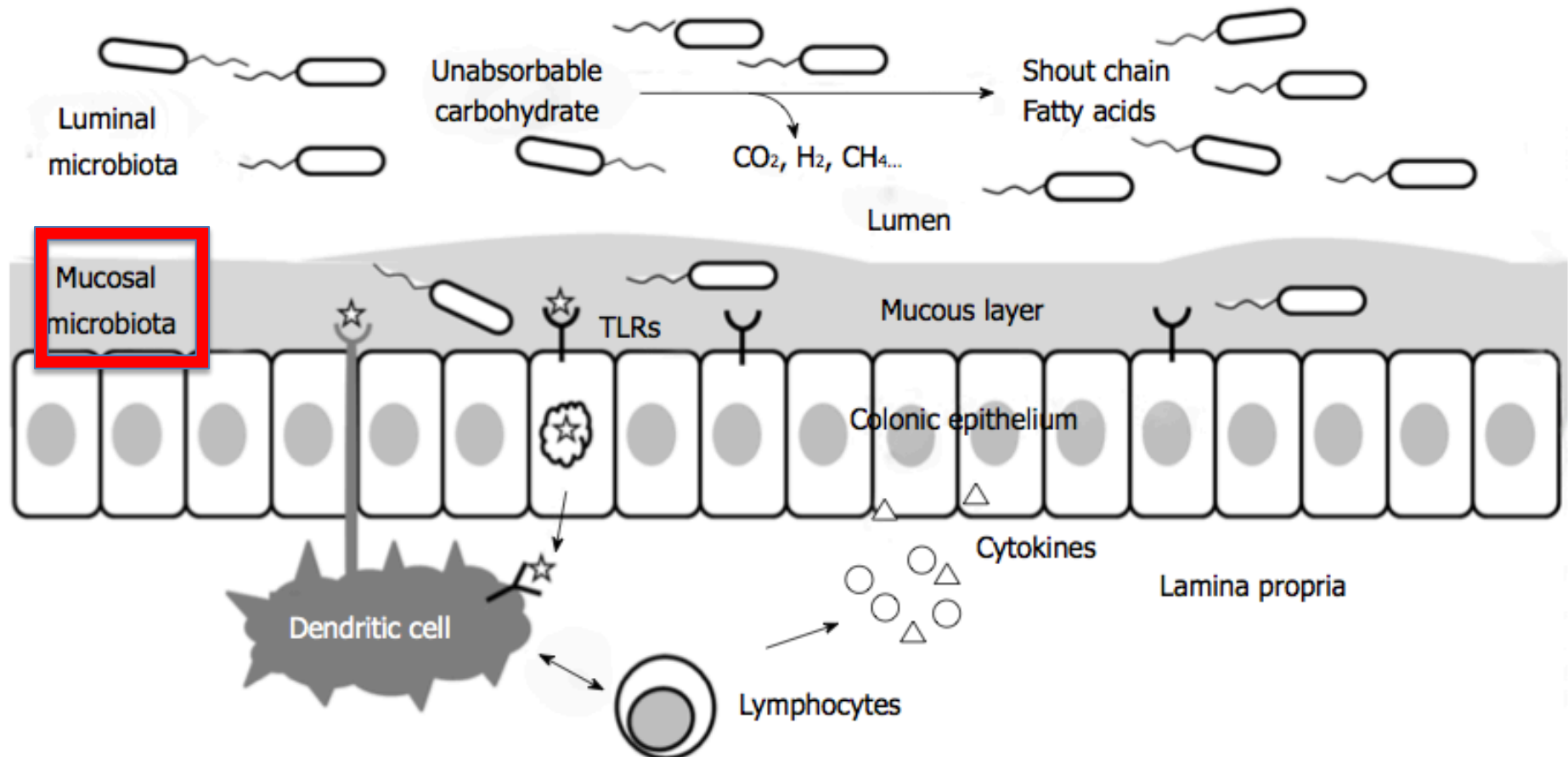
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Mucosal Microbiota

- Influence immune-microbial interactions
- Complex biofilm; only bacteria that can penetrate and possess suitable adhesion proteins can interface with the apical surface
- Luminal interaction involves toll-like receptors (TLR's) and NOD2
 - IBS patient have a differential expression:
Increased TLR-4 and TLR-5 and decreased TLR-7 and TLR-8

Dendritic cells can secrete anti-inflammatory cytokines (IL-10 and TGF-beta)
-*Bifidobacteria* and *Lactobacilli* stimulate IL-10 and TGF-beta
Disturbance of mucosal microbiota can up-regulate the immune system and cause inflammation



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Introduction

- 1 of 5 adults
- 2.4-3.5 M physician visits per year
- Usually begins before age 35
- Original Rome Criteria formed 1989



Criteria Through The Ages

Table 1
Symptom-based criteria for the diagnosis of IBS

Manning	Rome I	Rome II	Rome III
Abdominal pain relieved by defecation	>12 wk of continuous or recurrent symptoms of abdominal pain or discomfort:	>12 wk, which need not be consecutive, in the preceding 12 mo, of abdominal discomfort or pain that has 2 or more of 3 features:	Recurrent abdominal pain or discomfort at least 3 d/mo for past 3 mo, with symptom onset >6 mo before diagnosis, associated with 2 or more of the following:
Looser stools with the onset of pain	1. Relieved with defecation or	Relieved with defecation	Improvement with defecation
More frequent stools with the onset of pain	2. Associated with change in frequency of stool or	Onset associated with change in stool frequency	Onset associated with a change in frequency of stool
Abdominal distention	3. Associated with a change in consistency of stool	Onset associated with a change in form (appearance) of stool	Onset associated with a change in stool form (appearance)
Passage of mucus in stools	Two or more of the following, at least on one-fourth of occasions or days:		
Sensation of incomplete evacuation	1. Altered stool frequency		
	2. Altered stool form		
	3. Passage of mucus		
	4. Bloating or feeling of abdominal distention		

Functional Bowel Disorders

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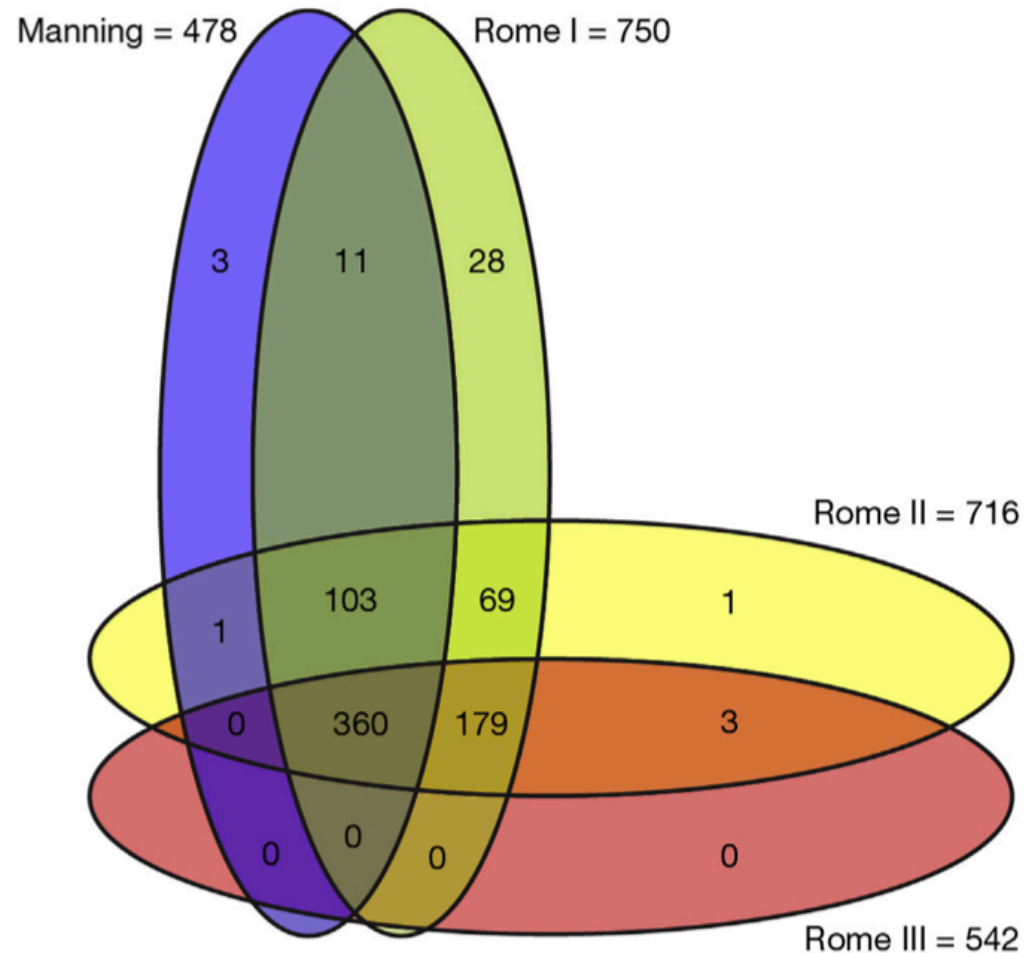


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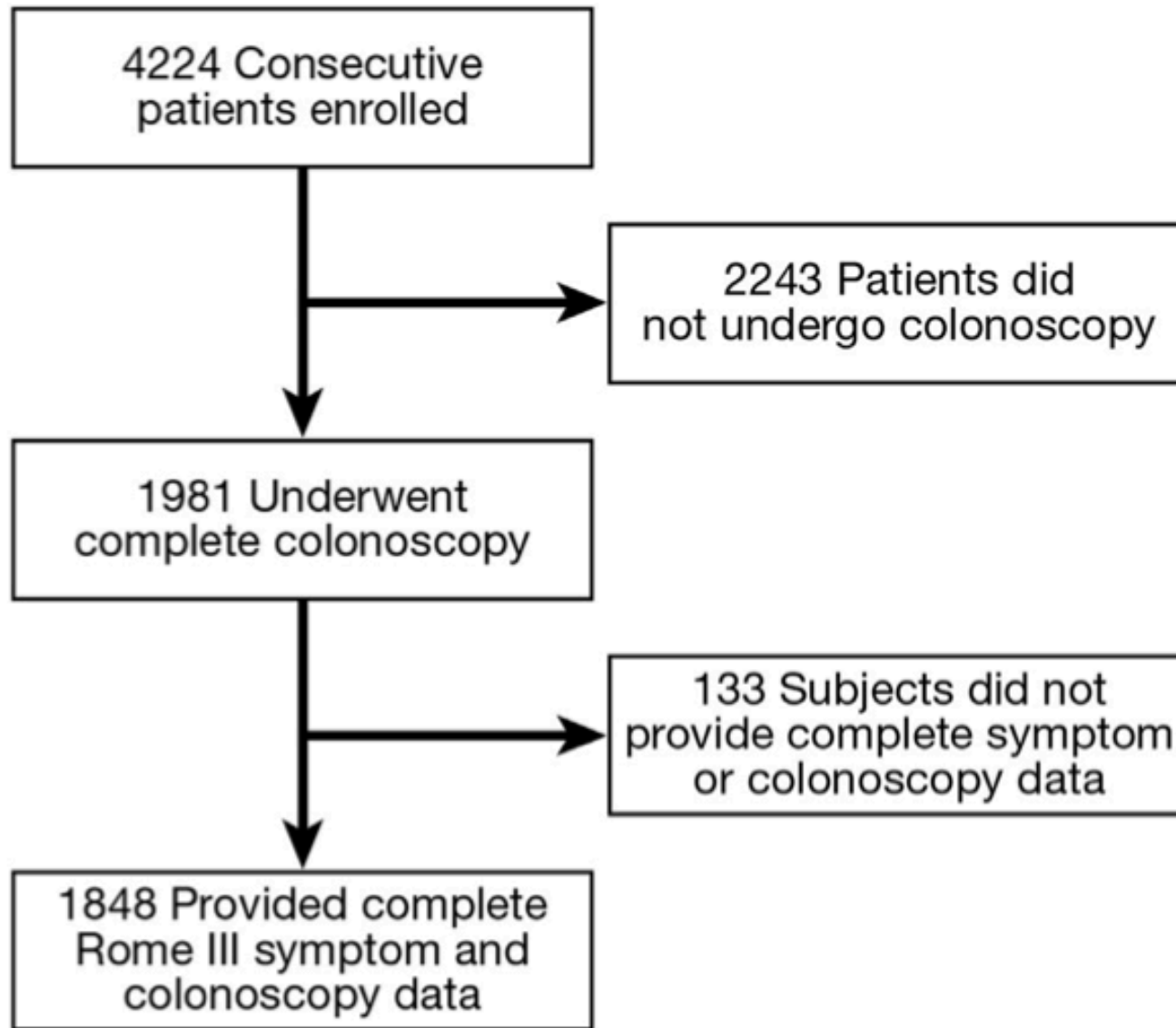


Figure 1. Flow of study participants.

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2 x 2 Table Time

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If you ask the questions, and they don't meet criteria, there's a 31.2% chance the questions are a “False Negative Test Result” and you'll find out they have no organic disease found

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Table 4. Sensitivity, Specificity, Positive and Negative Predictive Values, and Positive and Negative Likelihood Ratios for the Rome and Manning Criteria for Irritable Bowel Syndrome

	Sensitivity, % (95% CI)	Specificity, % (95% CI)	Positive predictive value, % (95% CI)	Negative predictive value, % (95% CI)	Positive likelihood ratio (95% CI)	Negative likelihood ratio (95% CI)
Rome III criteria	68.8 (63.8–73.3)	79.5 (77.4–81.5)	45.2 (41.1–49.4)	91.2 (89.5–92.6)	3.35 (2.97–3.79)	0.39 (0.34–0.46)
Rome I criteria	95.8% (93.2–97.4)	70.6 (68.2–72.8)	45.2 (41.8–48.7)	98.5 (97.6–99.1)	3.26 (3.00–3.53)	0.06 (0.04–0.10)
Manning criteria (≥ 2 criteria)	85.0 (81.0–88.2)	74.6 (72.3–76.7)	45.8 (42.2–49.5)	95.1 (93.8–96.2)	3.34 (3.04–3.68)	0.20 (0.16–0.26)
Manning criteria (≥ 3 criteria)	61.9 (56.8–66.7)	81.8 (79.7–83.7)	45.6 (41.3–50.0)	89.7 (88.0–91.2)	3.39 (2.97–3.88)	0.47 (0.41–0.53)
Manning criteria (≥ 4 criteria)	36.1 (31.3–41.1)	89.5 (87.8–90.9)	45.4 (39.7–51.1)	85.2 (83.4–86.9)	3.42 (2.80–4.18)	0.71 (0.66–0.77)
Rome III criteria with abdominal pain or discomfort replaced by bloating	54.3 (49.2–59.4)	76.4 (74.2–78.5)	36.9 (32.9–41.0)	86.8 (84.9–88.6)	2.31 (2.02–2.63)	0.60 (0.53–0.67)
Rome III criteria with abdominal pain or discomfort and bloating	53.1 (47.9–58.3)	85.1 (83.2–86.9)	46.7 (41.8–51.6)	88.1 (86.4–89.8)	3.58 (3.06–4.17)	0.55 (0.49–0.61)
Rome III criteria with daily abdominal pain or discomfort	29.0 (24.7–33.7)	92.0 (90.5–93.2)	48.1 (41.7–54.5)	83.5 (81.6–85.2)	3.61 (2.87–4.55)	0.77 (0.72–0.82)
Rome III criteria with irregular bowel habit	34.4 (29.8–39.3)	91.1 (89.6–92.5)	49.1 (43.1–55.1)	84.9 (83.0–86.5)	3.88 (3.14–4.81)	0.72 (0.67–0.78)

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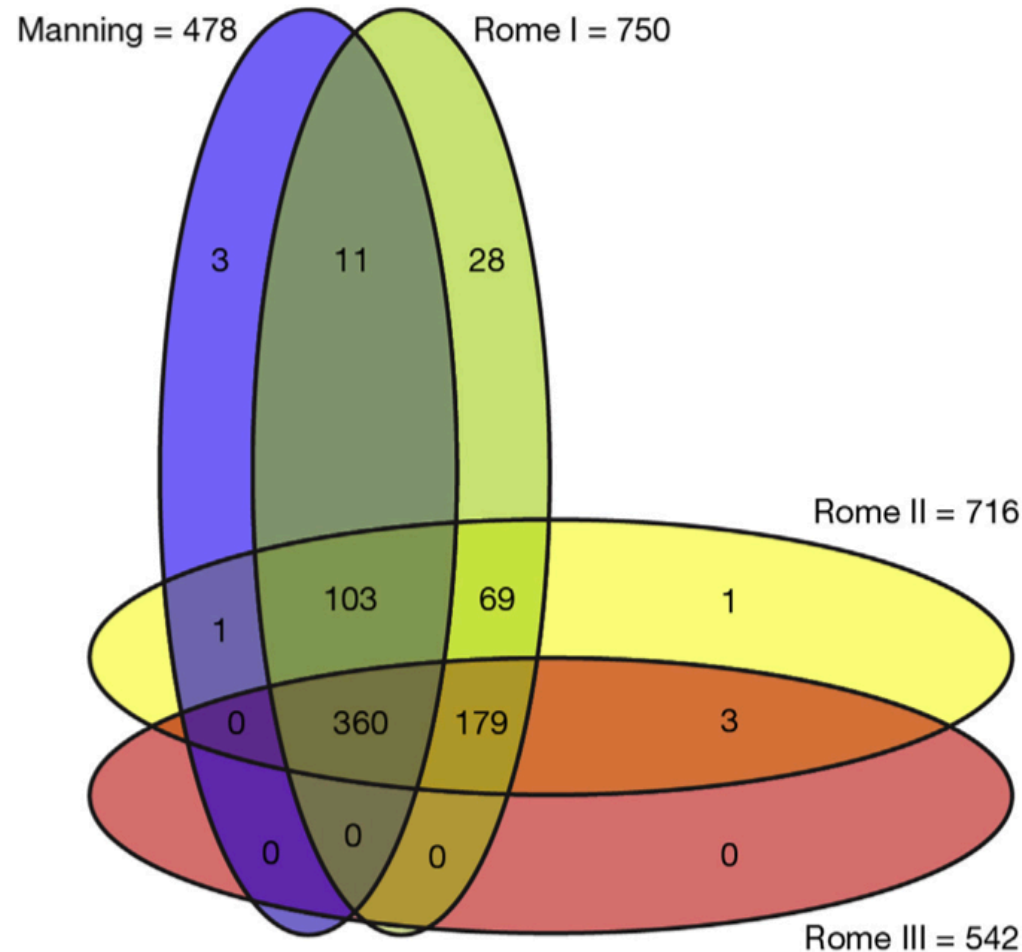


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Rome I criteria	24.3 (20.3–28.8)	93.9 (92.6–95.0)	50.5 (44.0–58.1)	83.0 (80.9–84.4)	4.01 (3.08–5.22)	0.81 (0.76–0.85)
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- When patients without alarm symptoms are excluded, Rome III is very specific for IBS

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- Alarm Symptoms: “Family history of colorectal cancer, rectal bleeding, weight loss or anemia”

Alarm Features That Suggest Possible Organic Disease

Symptoms

- Weight loss
- Frequent nocturnal awakenings due to gastrointestinal symptoms
- Fever
- Blood mixed in stool

History

- New onset, progressive symptoms
- Onset of symptoms after age 50
- Recent antibiotic use
- Family history of colon cancer or inflammatory bowel disease

Physical Findings

- Abdominal mass
- Stool positive for occult blood
- Enlarged lymph nodes

Other “Alarm Symptom” Definitions

- Unintended weight loss of more than 4.5 kg (10 lb)
- Fevers or chills
- High-volume (>300 mL/d) diarrhea
- Nocturnal diarrhea
- Family history of gastrointestinal malignancy, IBD, celiac disease
- Older age (>50 years) at onset of IBS symptoms

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Table 3. Prevalence of Organic Disease in Patients Meeting the Rome III Criteria for IBS Compared With Those Who Did Not

	Met Rome III criteria for IBS (n = 555)		Did not meet Rome III criteria for IBS (n = 1293)		P value*
	n	%	n	%	
Crohn's disease	48	8.6	84	6.5	.11
Ulcerative colitis	34	6.1	59	4.6	.16
Indeterminate colitis	24	4.3	42	3.2	.27
Colorectal cancer	13	2.3	28	2.2	.86
Lymphocytic colitis	8	1.4	15	1.2	.65
Celiac disease	8	1.4	13	1.0	.47
Radiation enteritis	8	1.4	9	0.7	.18
Collagenous colitis	4	0.7	4	0.3	.25
Nonspecific GI ulceration	3	0.5	2	0.2	.16

*P value for Fisher's exact test for comparison of categorical data.

Total: 150 of the
555 who met Rome
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Rome III Take Home Point

- FITS criteria with **NO ALARM** symptoms, then you can tell the patient **the criteria is “95.6% specific”** that they don't have an organic disease
- ANY alarm symptom, **specificity falls to 79.5%** and you need to scope
- In the absence of alarm features, the American College of Gastroenterology Task Force does NOT recommend the use of diagnostic testing

Sub-classify

- IBS with constipation: Hard stools >25%, and watery <25%
- IBS with diarrhea: Loose or watery >25% and hard <25%
- Mixed IBS: Hard >25% and watery >25%
- Unsubtyped- insufficient abnormality of stool to classify

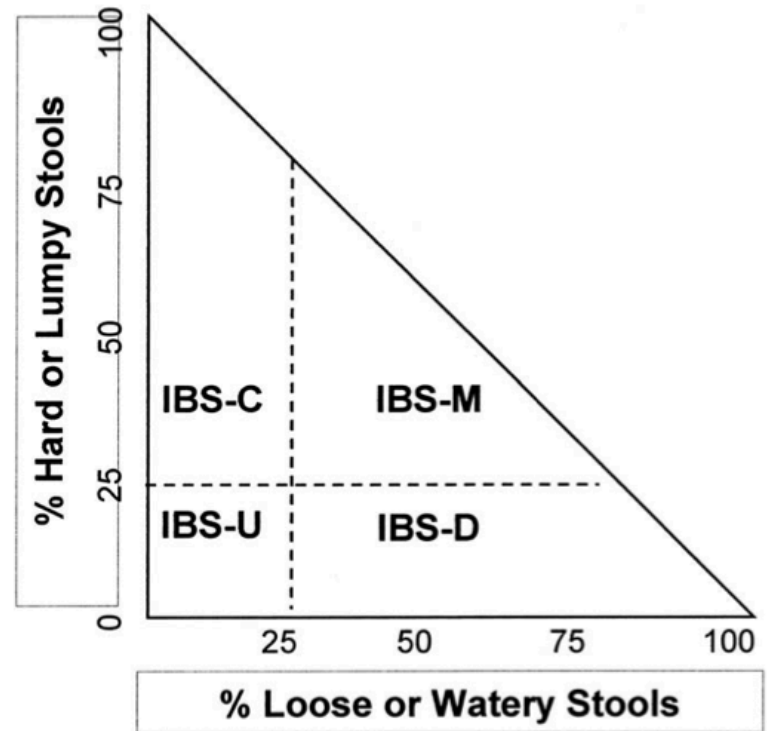


Figure 1. Two-dimensional display of the 4 possible IBS subtypes according to bowel form at a particular point in time. IBS-C, IBS with constipation; IBS-D, IBS with diarrhea; IBS-M, mixed IBS; IBS-U, unsubtyped IBS.

The Upper 4.4%: Diagnostic Testing

- ACG IBS Task Force recommends celiac disease antibodies in nonconstipated IBS symptoms (antiendomysial antibody or anti-tissue transglutaminase)
- It is cost effective to screen IBS patients for celiac disease
- 0.4% of IBS symptom patients are confirmed as celiac disease

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- ACG IBS Task Force recommends colonoscopy in patients >50 for colon cancer screening
- If IBS-D, consider random mucosal biopsies to rule out microscopic colitis

The Upper 4.4%: Diagnostic Testing

- ACG IBS Task Force recommends against stool studies unless there is a relevant travel history or specific alarm features

The Upper 4.4%: Diagnostic Testing

- In general, there is no algorithm
- Use shared decision making with the patient (risk management of the 4.4%)
- Consider empiric treatment, broadening the differential diagnosis and exploring specific symptom evaluation

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Clinical Characteristics</i>	<i>Diagnostic Strategy</i>
Constipation–predominant symptoms		
Strictures due to inflammatory bowel disease, diverticulitis, ischemia, or cancer	Obstipation	Colonoscopy vs. barium enema and flexible sigmoidoscopy
Colonic inertia	Very infrequent bowel movements	Sitzmark transit study
Pelvic floor dysfunction [†]	Straining, self-digitation	Rectal examination, balloon expulsion study, anorectal manometry, defecography
Neurologic disease [†]	Concurrent Parkinson disease, autonomic dysfunction (Shy-Drager), multiple sclerosis	History and neurologic examination
Medication [†]	Opiates, cholestyramine, calcium-channel blockers, anticholinergic medications	Medication history
Hypothyroidism [†]	Other hypothyroid symptoms and signs	Serum thyroid-stimulating hormone

Diarrhea-predominant symptoms

Crohn disease	Diarrhea may be from inflammatory exudate, motility changes, small bowel overgrowth, or bile salt malabsorption	Colonoscopy, small bowel barium radiograph
Ulcerative colitis	Likely to have rectal bleeding	Colonoscopy
Microscopic colitis [†]	Generally middle-aged and older women with autoimmune disease (especially thyroiditis)	Colonoscopy/flexible sigmoidoscopy and biopsy
Parasites	<i>Giardia lamblia</i> (stream and well water); <i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i> , <i>Enterobacter histolytica</i> (travel to developing world); <i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i> (travel to developing world, Kentucky, or Tennessee)	O + P x 3, stool <i>Giardia</i> antigen, metronidazole trial
<i>Clostridium difficile</i>	Recent antibiotics taken	Stool ELISA, flexible sigmoidoscopy for pseudomembranes
Other bacteria	IBS after dysentery may persist for months after infection with bacteria	Compatible history, possible initial positive stool culture
Small bowel overgrowth	Due to severe small bowel dysmotility, partial obstruction, blind loop, or jejunal diverticulosis	Abdominal radiograph, small bowel barium radiograph, lactulose breath hydrogen test, antibiotic trial

Diarrhea-predominant symptoms

Sprue ⁺ (gluten-sensitive enteropathy)	May present with diarrhea, usually steatorrhea	Usually steatorrhea, positive gliadin, endomysial serum antibodies; endoscopy with small bowel biopsy is gold standard
Lactose intolerance ⁺	Symptoms worse with lactose consumption	Avoidance trial, lactose breath test
Postgastrectomy syndrome	Postprandial symptoms	History of problems worse after gastric surgery
HIV enteropathy	May have chronic GI infections, such as with cryptosporidium, CMV, <i>Blastocystis hominis</i> , amoeba	Clinical suspicion, HIV test, low CD4
Gastrointestinal endocrine tumor	Carcinoid, gastrinoma, VIPoma	Urine 5HIAA, fasting gastrin (followed by secretin stimulation test), serum VIP

Pain-predominant symptoms

Aerophagia, bloating

Patient may be anxious (nervous air swallowing), can be exacerbated by antireflux surgery

Abdominal radiograph with pain

Intermittent small bowel

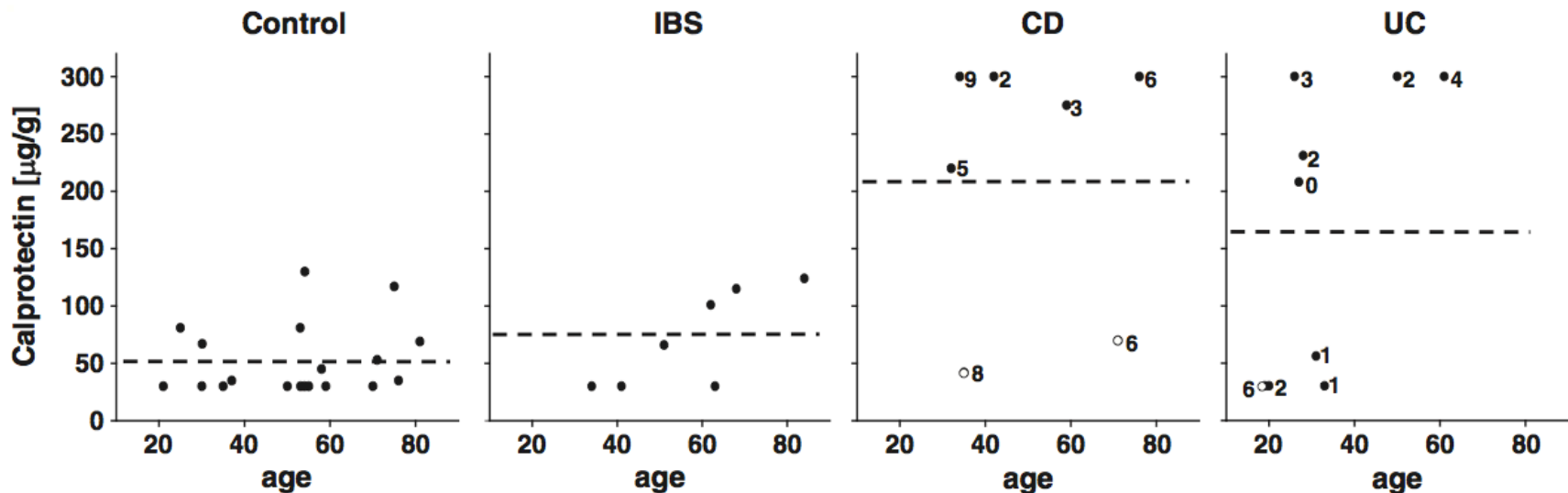
More likely with history of previous abdominal surgeries

Abdominal radiograph with pain, small bowel barium radiograph

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Clinical Characteristics</i>	<i>Diagnostic Strategy</i>
Crohn disease	Small intestine or colon involvement	Small bowel barium radiograph colonoscopy
Acute intermittent porphyria	Rare; may have elevated liver enzymes and neurologic symptoms	Serum and urine porphyrins, especially porphobilinogen, and delta aminolevulinic acid
Ischemia	Intestinal angina especially in vasculopathies, food aversion, weight loss, pain 15–40 min after meals	Mesenteric angiogram
Chronic pancreatitis	Alcohol abuse, pain usually more persistent than with usual IBS	Abdominal radiograph for calcifications, CT scan, ERCP, endoscopic ultrasonography
Lymphoma of GI tract	Generally, weight loss	CT scan, small bowel radiograph
Endometriosis	Menstrual-associated symptoms, pelvic symptoms	Laparoscopy

Fecal Calprotectin

- Calprotectin is a protein released by the white blood cells involved in inflammation of the bowel
- High levels suggest pathologic inflammation
- New Rapid Fecal Calprotectin test in Canada, not yet available in the US



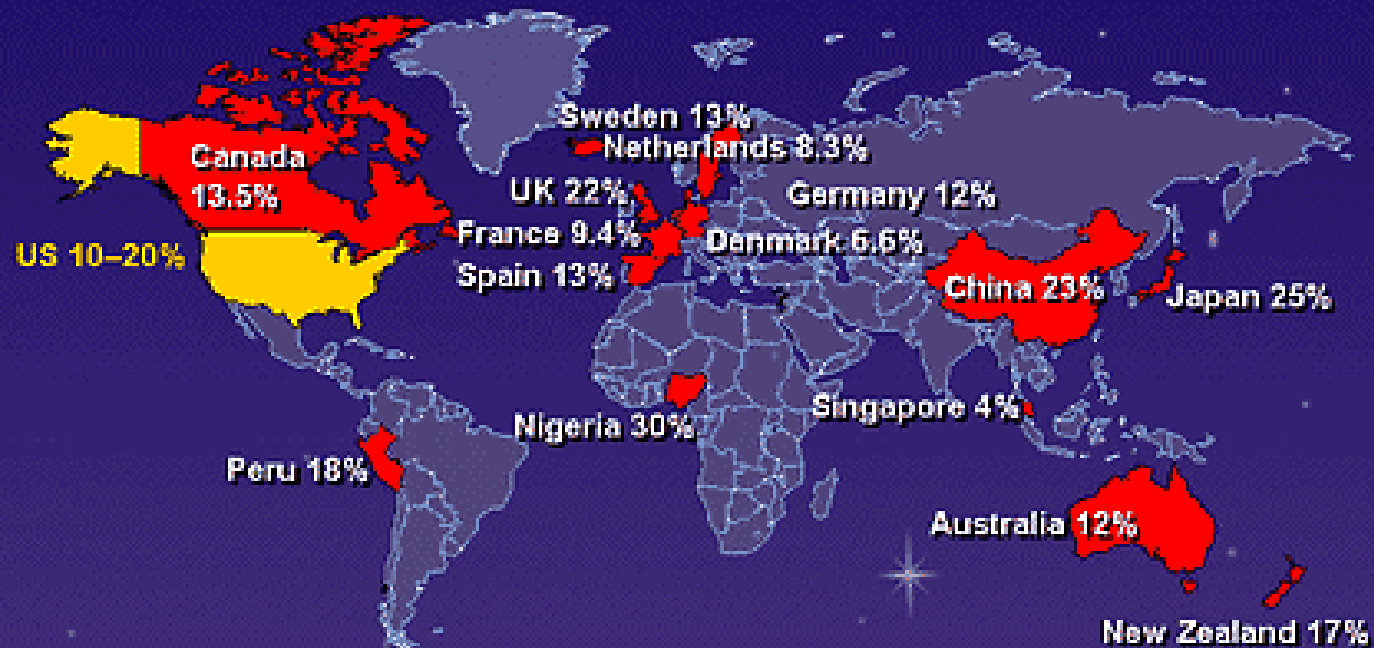
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Fecal Calprotectin

- 7 different studies have had cut-off levels ranging from 8 to 150 $\mu\text{g/g}$
- Sensitivity is high for IBD when the cut off is 50 $\mu\text{g/g}$
- Specificity varied (51-100%), especially at the lower levels

Waugh N, Cummins E, Royle P, Kandala NB, Shyangdan D, Arasaradnam R, Clar C, Johnston R. Faecalcalprotectin testing for differentiating amongst inflammatory and non-inflammatory bowel diseases: systematic review and economic evaluation. Health Technol Assess 2013 Nov;17(55):xv-xix, 1-211.

World prevalence of IBS



*Adapted from Camilleri et al, Aliment Pharmacol Ther 1997; 11: 3
Muller-Lisner et al, Digestion 2001; 64: 200*

Worldwide

- Difficult to assess worldwide prevalence due to a variety of definitions and health care access
- In Cameroon, “many sufferers ascribe their symptoms to the influence of mythological phenomena and will often seek help, in the first instance, from traditional healers, witch doctors, priests, and prayer groups”

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Socioeconomic Status

- 440,822 Young Israeli Adults serving 2005-2011
- IBS Dx or Worsening of Symptoms:
 - Higher Socioeconomic Status had a Hazard Ratio = 1.629 (95% CI 1.328-1.999)
 - Education >11 years, HR=1.674, (95% CI 1.019-2.751)
 - Noncombat military position, HR = 1.196 (95% CI 1.024-1.397)

Socioeconomic Status

- IBS Dx or Worsening of Symptoms
 - Israeli Birth (HR 1.362, 95% CI =1.084-1.712)
 - Jewish Ethnicity (HR 2.089 95% CI=1.344-3.248)
- Protective for the diagnosis of IBS (less Sx)
 - Middle Eastern (HR 0.739 95% CI=0.617-0.884)
 - North African / Ethiopian (HR 0.702 95% CI=0.585-0.842)

Socioeconomic Status

- Protective for the diagnosis of IBS (less Sx)
 - Rural settlement HR=0.705, 95% CI 0.561-0.886
 - Overweight HR = 0.744, 95% CI 0.589-0.941
 - Obesity HR = 0.698, 95% CI 0.510-0.95

I didn't know that!

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Overview

- Pathophysiology
- Clinical Diagnosis
- **Treatment**

Treatments

- There are as many treatment options as there are associated symptoms of IBS...

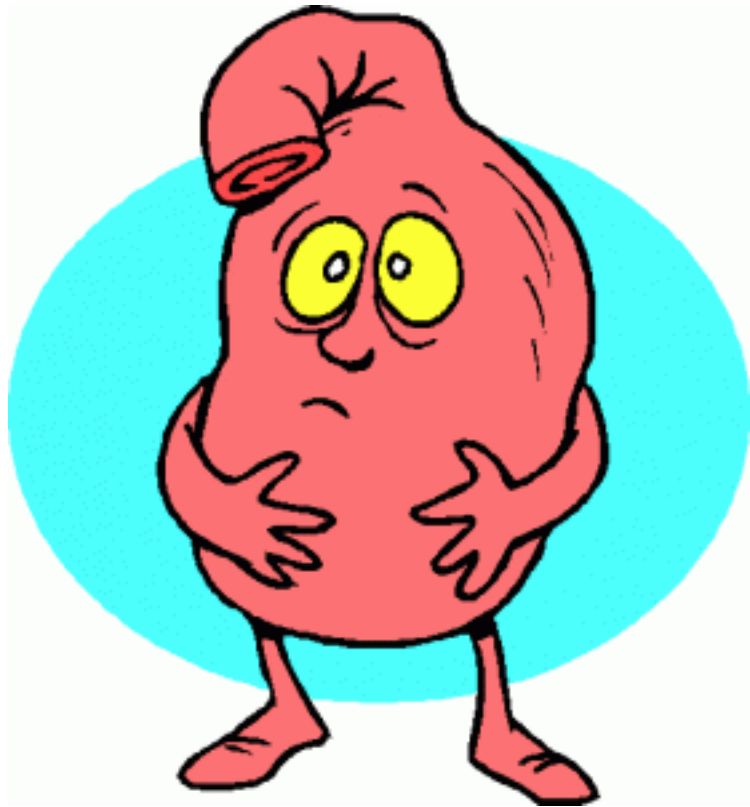
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Examples of Commonly Used Laxatives
(For directions and proper dosage, talk to your physician)

AGENT	EXAMPLES OF BRAND NAMES
Commercial Fiber Products*	
Methylcellulose	Citrucel
Psyllium	Metamucil, Konsyl
Calcium polycarbophil	Fiberall, FiberCon, Equalactin
Osmotic Laxatives	
<i>Poorly Absorbed Ions</i>	
Magnesium hydroxide	Uro-Mag, Milk Of Magnesia
Magnesium citrate	Citroma
Sodium phosphate	Fleet Phospho-Soda, K Phos Neutral Tablets
<i>Poorly Absorbed Sugars</i>	
Lactulose	Enulose, Cephulac, Kristalose, Duphalac
Polyethylene glycol	MiraLax
Sorbitol solution (70%)	Cystosol, Minilax, Resulax, Sorbilax
Stimulant Laxatives	
<i>Anthraquinones</i>	
Senna	Perdiem, Senokot
Ricinoleic acid	
Castor oil	
<i>Diphenylmethane derivatives</i>	
Bisacodyl	Dulcolax, Correctol
Emollients (Stool Softeners)	
Docusates	Colace
Mineral oil	Fleet Mineral Oil

*Take with plenty of liquids.

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Table 2

Examples of Antispasmodics. (For directions and proper dosage talk to your physician.)

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Anticholinergics	
Dicyclomine	Bentyl, Bemote
Hyoscyamine	Levsin, NuLev, Levbid
Propantheline bromide	Pro-Banthine
Mebeverine	Colofac (Australia)
Cimetropium bromide	Alginor (Italy)
Cimetropium bromide + chlordiazepoxide hydrochloride (Librium)	Librax, Clindex
Hyoscyamine +scopolamine, atropine, phenobarbital	Donnatal
Peppermint Oil	Elanco (Enteric coated), Peppermint Spirits
Direct Smooth Muscle Relaxants	
Pinaverium *	Dicetel (Canada)
Octilonium bromide *	Citanest Octapressin (Italy, Mexico, Sweden, Norway, others)
Mebeverine *	Colofac (Australia)
Trimebutine *	Modulon (Canada)
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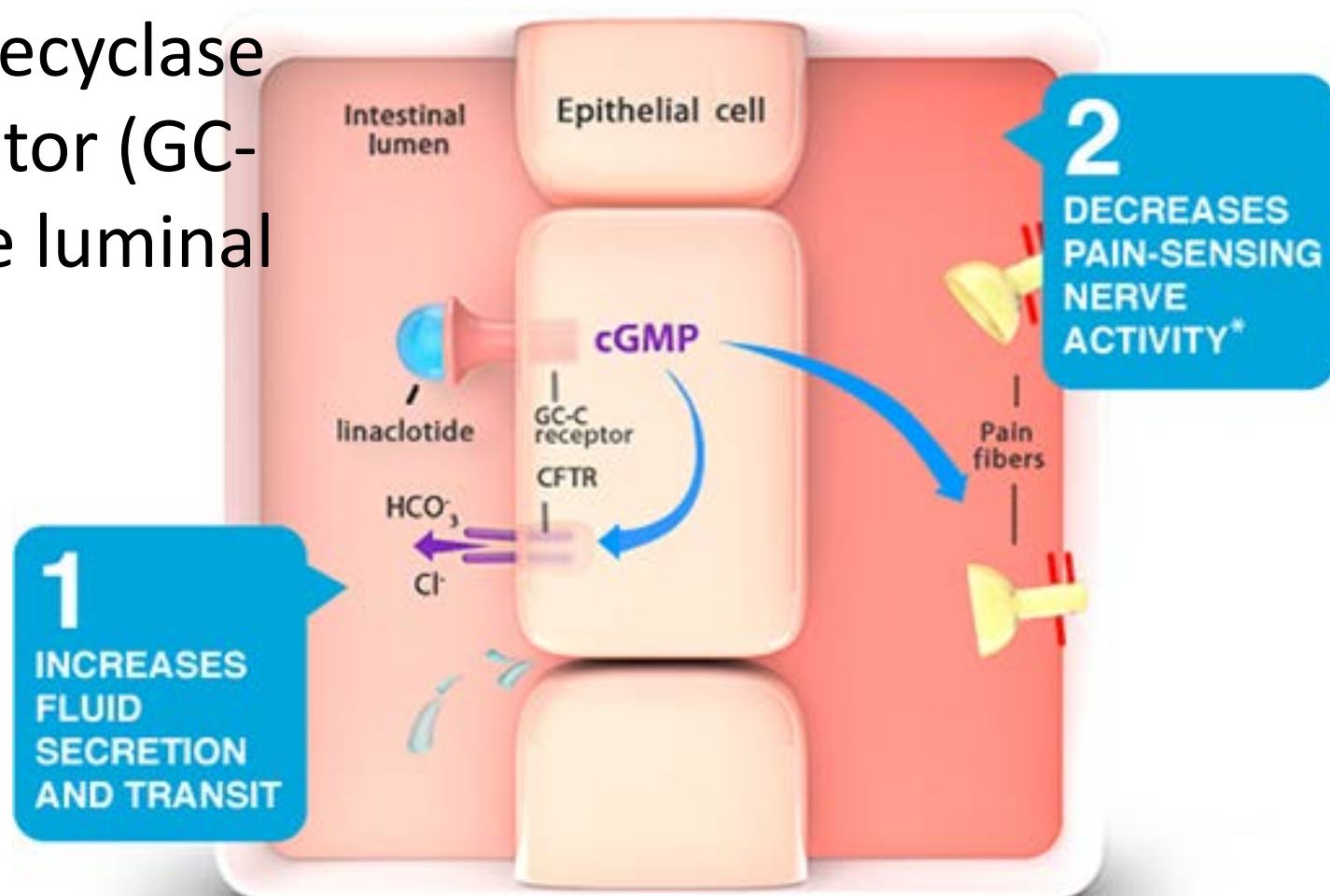
* Not available in the United States.

New Meds for IBS

- Guanylate Cyclase C Agonist
 - linaclotide (Linzess)
 - Plecanatide (coming soon)
- CIC-2 Chloride Channel agonist
 - Lubiprostone (Amitiza)
- Mu-opioid receptor agonist / delta receptor antagonist
 - Eluxadoline (coming soon)

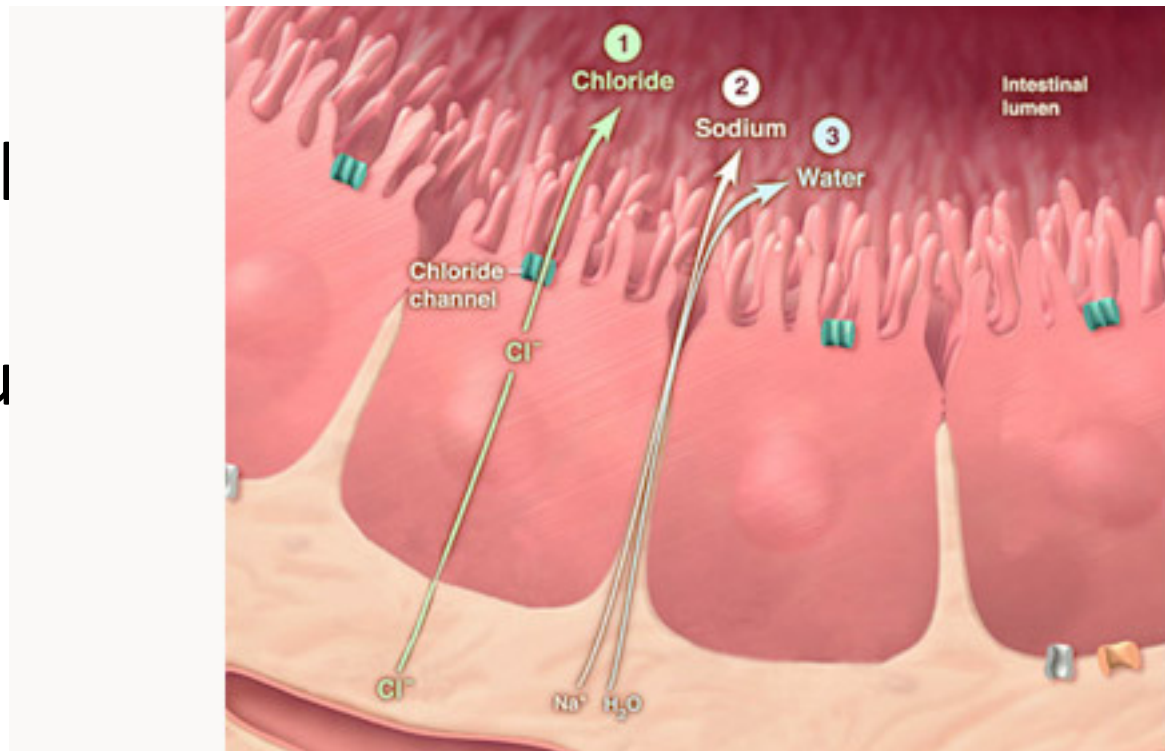
linaclotide (Linzess)

- Binds guanylatecyclase –C receptor (GC-C) on the luminal side



Lubiprostone (Amitiza)

- Activates ClC-2 chloride channels on the apical aspect of GI cell producing a chloride-rich fluid secretion



Dosing

- linaclootide (Linzess):
 - IBS-C: 290 mcg PO once daily (30 min prior to BK)
 - Chronic Constipation: 145 mcg PO once daily
- lubiprostone (Amitiza)
 - IBS-C: 8 mcg PO twice daily
 - Chronic Constipation: 24 mcg PO twice daily

linaclotide (Linzess)

in the placebo group.

Table 1: Adverse Reactions Reported in at least 2% of LINZESS-treated Patients and at an Incidence Greater than in Placebo Group Patients in the Two Phase 3 Placebo-controlled Trials (1 and 2) in IBS-C

Adverse Reactions	LINZESS 290 mcg [N=807] %	Placebo [N=798] %
Gastrointestinal		
Diarrhea	20	3
Abdominal pain ^a	7	5
Flatulence	4	2
Abdominal distension	2	1
Infections and Infestations		
Viral Gastroenteritis	3	1
Nervous System Disorders		
Headache	4	3

a: "Abdominal pain" term includes abdominal pain, upper abdominal pain, and lower abdominal pain.

Both cause diarrhea, surprise!

Linaclotide high dose: 7% Abdominal Pain

Lubiprostone high dose: 29% nausea, 8% Abdominal Pain

Lubiprostone (Amitiza)

occurred more frequently with study drug than placebo

Table 1: Percent of Patients with Adverse Reactions (Chronic Idiopathic Constipation)

System/Adverse Reaction ¹	Placebo N = 316 %	Amitiza 24 mcg Twice Daily N = 1113 %
Gastrointestinal disorders		
Nausea	3	29
Diarrhea	1	12
Abdominal pain	3	8
Abdominal distension	2	6
Vomiting	0	3
Loose stools	0	3
Abdominal discomfort ²	1	3
Dyspepsia	< 1	2
Dry mouth	< 1	1
Nervous system disorders		
Headache	5	11
Dizziness	1	3
General disorders and site administration conditions		
Edema	< 1	3
Fatigue	1	2
Chest discomfort/pain	0	2
Respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders		
Dyspnea	0	2

¹Includes only those events associated with treatment (possibly, probably, or definitely related, as assessed by the investigator).

²This term combines "abdominal tenderness," "abdominal rigidity," "gastrointestinal discomfort," "stomach discomfort," and "abdominal discomfort."

The most common adverse reactions (incidence > 4%) in CIC were nausea, diarrhea, headache, abdominal pain, abdominal distension, and flatulence.

Nausea: Approximately 29% of patients who received Amitiza 24 mcg twice daily experienced nausea; 4% of patients had severe nausea and 9% of patients discontinued treatment due to nausea. The rate of nausea associated with Amitiza 24 mcg twice daily was lower among male (8%) and elderly (19%) patients. No patients in the clinical studies were hospitalized due to nausea.

IBS Clinical Trials (to reduce pain)
3 month trials, different definitions
Source: Both Drugs Package Inserts

linaclotide (Linzess)

- “Weekly Responder” if a 30% reduction from baseline in mean abdominal pain, at least 3 CSBM’s, and increase of 1 CSBM from baseline in the same week
- Endpoints were percentage of patients who were responders
 - 9 of 12 weeks (data shown)
 - 6 of 12 weeks

Lubiprostone (Amitiza) 8 mcg BID

- “Overall Responder” if in 2 of 3 months they had:
 - “significantly relief” for at least 2 of the 4 weeks that month –OR–
 - “moderately relieved all 4 weeks that month

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linacotide (Linzess)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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- Mu-opioid receptor agonist and delta opioid receptor antagonist
- Reduces GI transit and fecal output in stressed and nonstressed mice
- While imodium prevents fecal output in a dose-dependent manner, this doesn't

- Primary end point:
Percentage of patients who achieved clinical response at week 4 defined:
 - Decrease in daily Worse Abdominal Pain scores from baseline by 30% - AND-
 - At least 2 points and a daily Bristol Stool Scale score of 3 or 4 on $\geq 66\%$ of daily entries within that week

Bristol Stool Chart



Types 3-5 indicate ideal stool for health and comfort

Table 2. Primary and Secondary Efficacy Results: Clinical Response Criteria (Intent-to-Treat Population)

	Eluxadoline				Placebo (n = 159)
	5 mg (n = 105)	25 mg (n = 167)	100 mg (n = 163)	200 mg (n = 160)	
Primary end point					
Clinical response					
Week 4					
Composite, %	12.4 ^a	12.0 ^b	11.0 ^a	13.8 ^b	5.7
OR (95% CI)	2.46 (0.99–6.08)	2.38 (1.04–5.48)	2.08 (0.89–4.84)	2.80 (1.23–6.38)	
Abdominal pain, %	39.0	40.7	39.3	39.4	39.6
OR (95% CI)	1.06 (0.62–1.81)	1.08 (0.67–1.72)	0.99 (0.62–1.60)	1.02 (0.64–1.64)	
Stool consistency, %	12.4	16.8 ^b	14.1 ^a	18.1 ^b	8.2
OR (95% CI)	1.58 (0.70–3.58)	2.38 (1.18–4.80)	1.90 (0.92–3.92)	2.61 (1.29–5.26)	

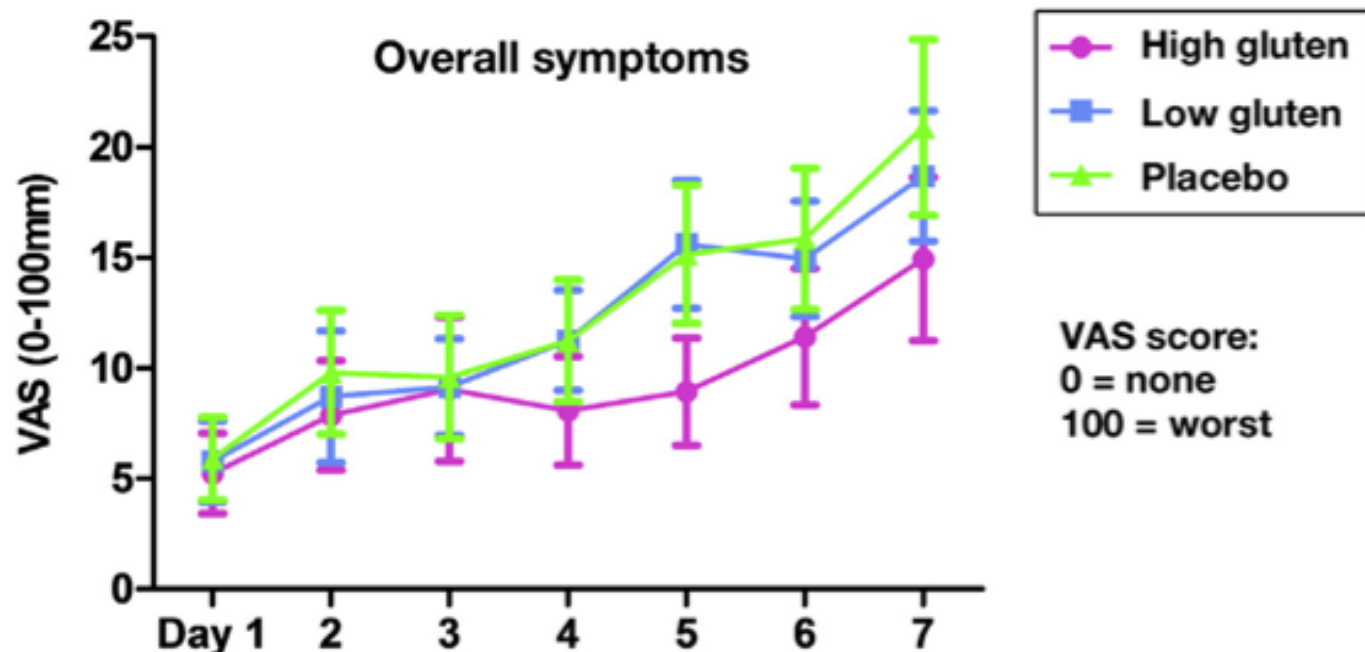
B= p<0.05 compared to placebo

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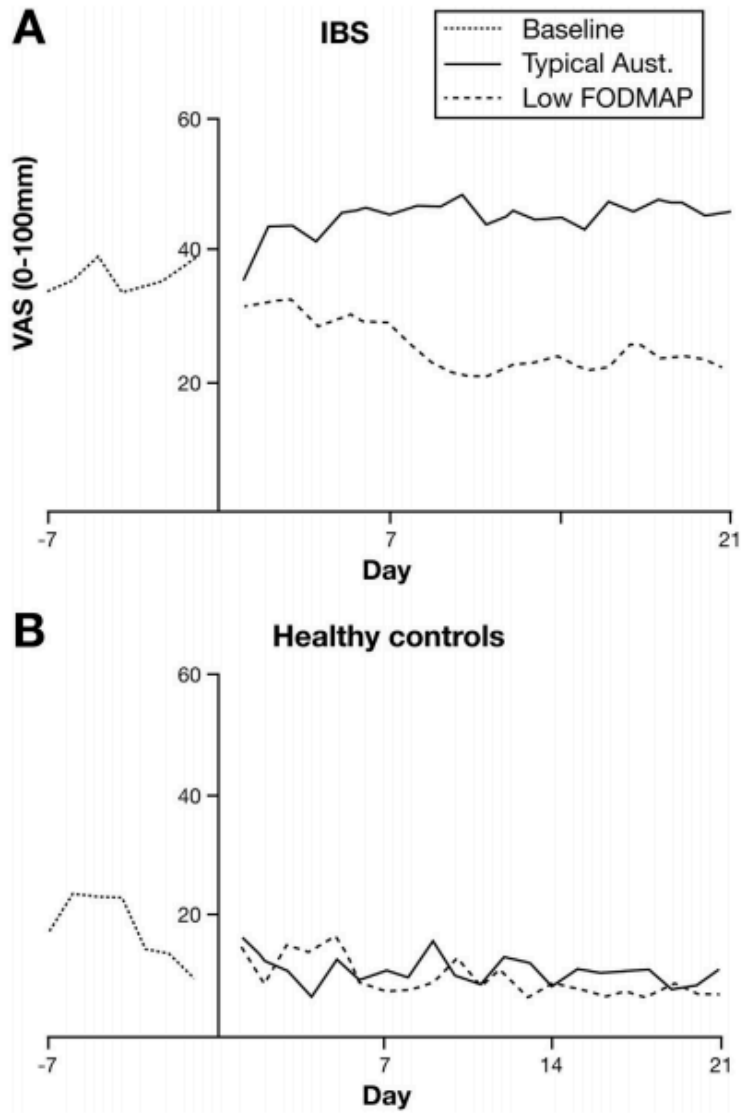


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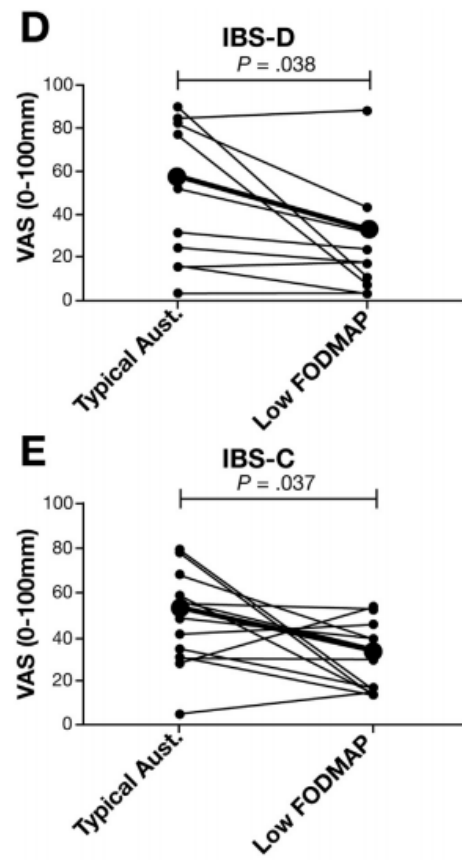
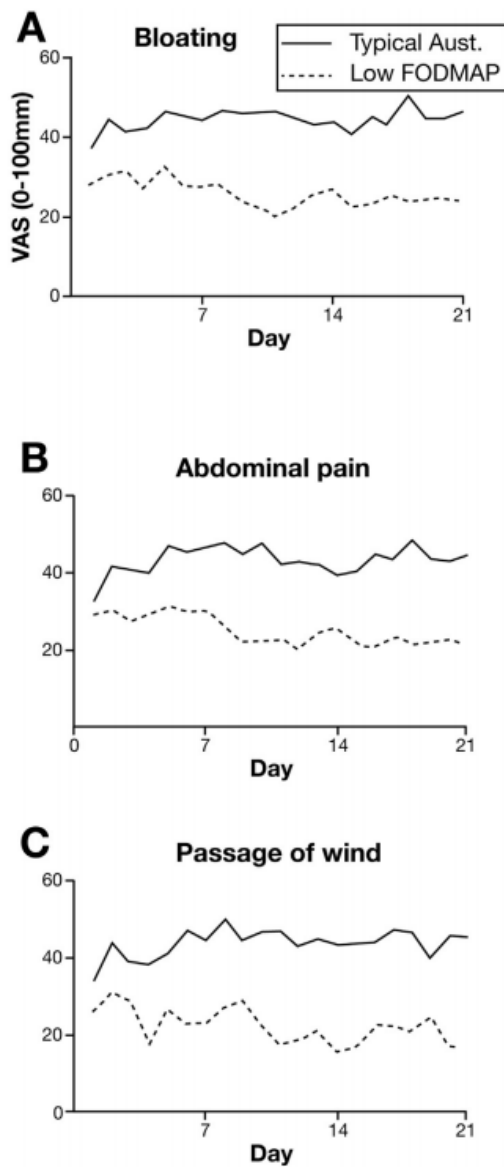


Table 3. Bloating, Abdominal Pain, Dissatisfaction With Stool Consistency, and Composite Scores of All Three Symptoms in IBS and Healthy Participants While Following Low FODMAP and Typical Australian Diets

Subject group	Diet	Bloating		Abdominal pain		Dissatisfaction with stool consistency		Composite scores	
		VAS (0–100 mm)		VAS (0–100 mm)		VAS (0–100 mm)		VAS (0–300 mm)	
IBS (n = 30)	Typical Australian	45.1 (35.1–55.0)	<i>P</i> < .001	43.8 (35.0–52.5)	<i>P</i> < .001	47.8 (37.6–57.9)	<i>P</i> < .001	137 (110–163)	<i>P</i> < .001
	Low FODMAP	24.2 (17.1–31.2)		22.5 (16.3–28.6)		25.9 (18.9–32.9)		73.1 (54.0–92.1)	
Healthy controls (n = 8)	Typical Australian	11.8 (5.9–17.8)	<i>P</i> = .742	9.6 (5.1–14.4)	<i>P</i> = .742	17.7 (7.5–27.9)	<i>P</i> = .547	38.7 (19.4–57.9)	<i>P</i> = .304
	Low FODMAP	10.4 (5.4–15.4)		9.1 (4.6–13.7)		10.1 (4.9–15.2)		29.6 (14.9–44.4)	

NOTE. Data from the last 14 days of the interventional diets were analyzed using repeated-measures analysis of variance. Statistically significant differences are shown in bold.

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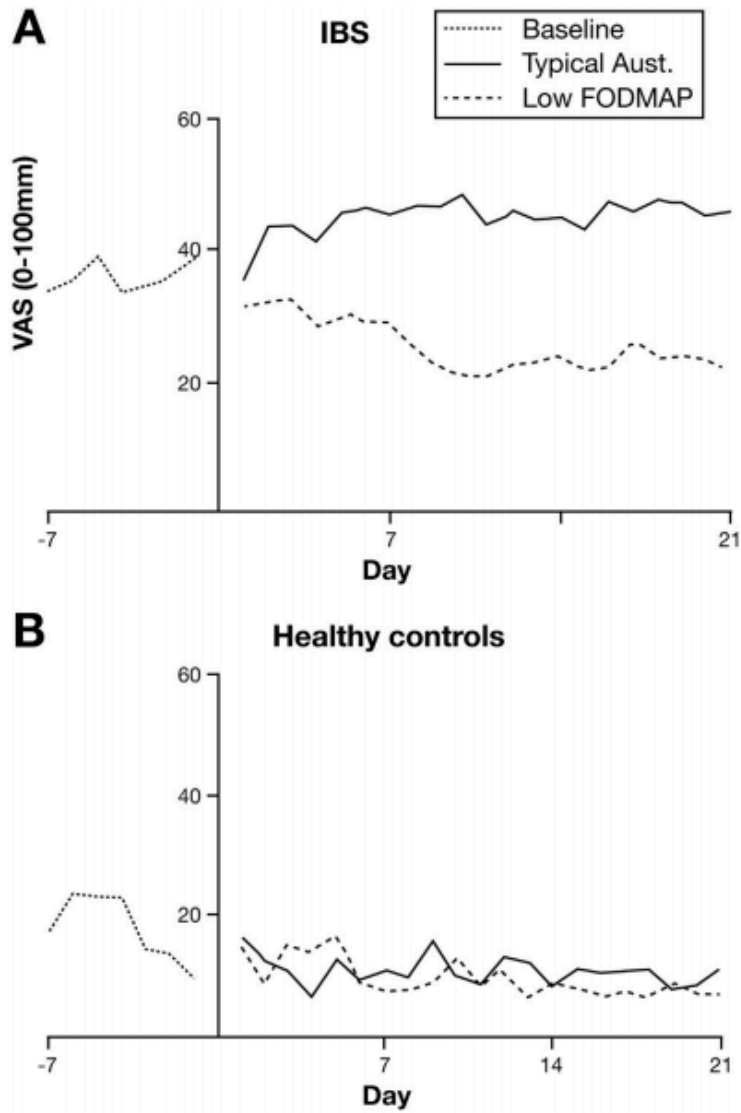


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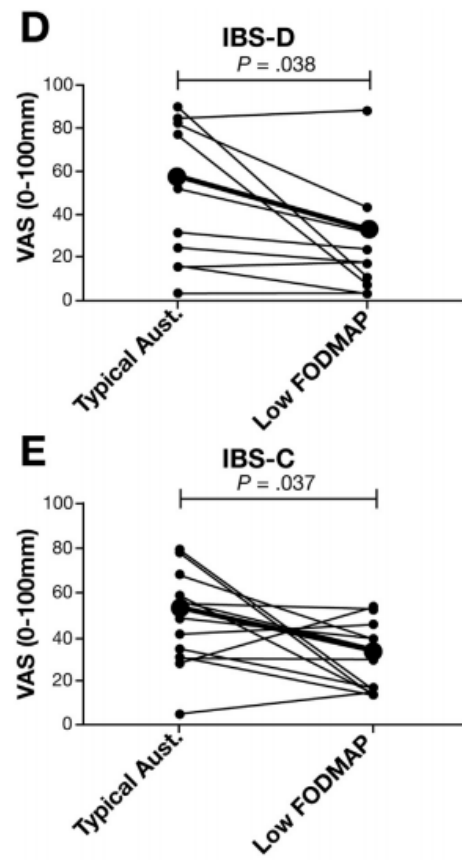
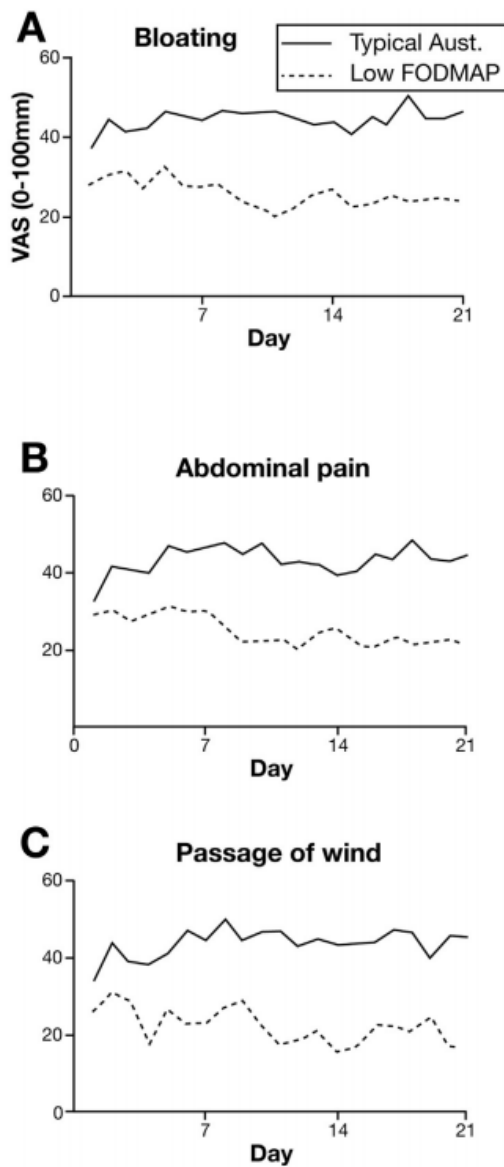


Table 3. Bloating, Abdominal Pain, Dissatisfaction With Stool Consistency, and Composite Scores of All Three Symptoms in IBS and Healthy Participants While Following Low FODMAP and Typical Australian Diets

Subject group	Diet	Bloating		Abdominal pain		Dissatisfaction with stool consistency		Composite scores	
		VAS (0–100 mm)		VAS (0–100 mm)		VAS (0–100 mm)		VAS (0–300 mm)	
IBS (n = 30)	Typical Australian	45.1 (35.1–55.0)	<i>P</i> < .001	43.8 (35.0–52.5)	<i>P</i> < .001	47.8 (37.6–57.9)	<i>P</i> < .001	137 (110–163)	<i>P</i> < .001
	Low FODMAP	24.2 (17.1–31.2)		22.5 (16.3–28.6)		25.9 (18.9–32.9)		73.1 (54.0–92.1)	
Healthy controls (n = 8)	Typical Australian	11.8 (5.9–17.8)	<i>P</i> = .742	9.6 (5.1–14.4)	<i>P</i> = .742	17.7 (7.5–27.9)	<i>P</i> = .547	38.7 (19.4–57.9)	<i>P</i> = .304
	Low FODMAP	10.4 (5.4–15.4)		9.1 (4.6–13.7)		10.1 (4.9–15.2)		29.6 (14.9–44.4)	

NOTE. Data from the last 14 days of the interventional diets were analyzed using repeated-measures analysis of variance. Statistically significant differences are shown in bold.

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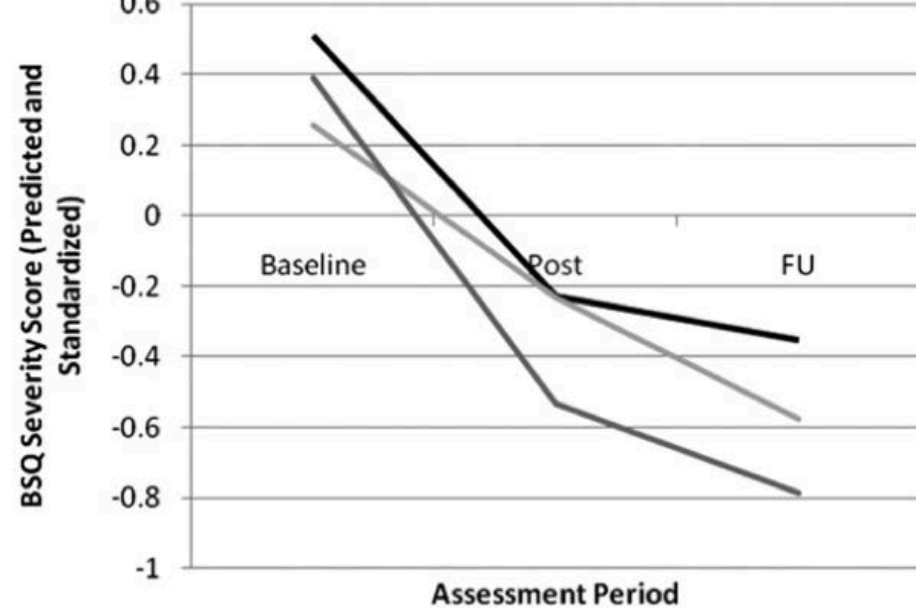
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A cognitive-behavioral treatment for irritable bowel syndrome using interoceptive exposure to visceral sensations

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CBT- Attention Control Condition (AC)
 -Self monitoring IBS symptoms
 -Receiving and reading educational material
 -Discussing the reading material with a therapist

CBT- stress management (SM)
 -Education about IBS
 -Self monitoring symptoms
 -Progressive muscle relaxation
 -Exposure to stressful situations (a conflict) not directly related to IBS

CBT- Interoceptive Exposure (IE)
 -Target Erroneous beliefs
 -Repeated exposure to tightening stomach such as tight clothing, delayed entrance to the bathroom, eating feared foods

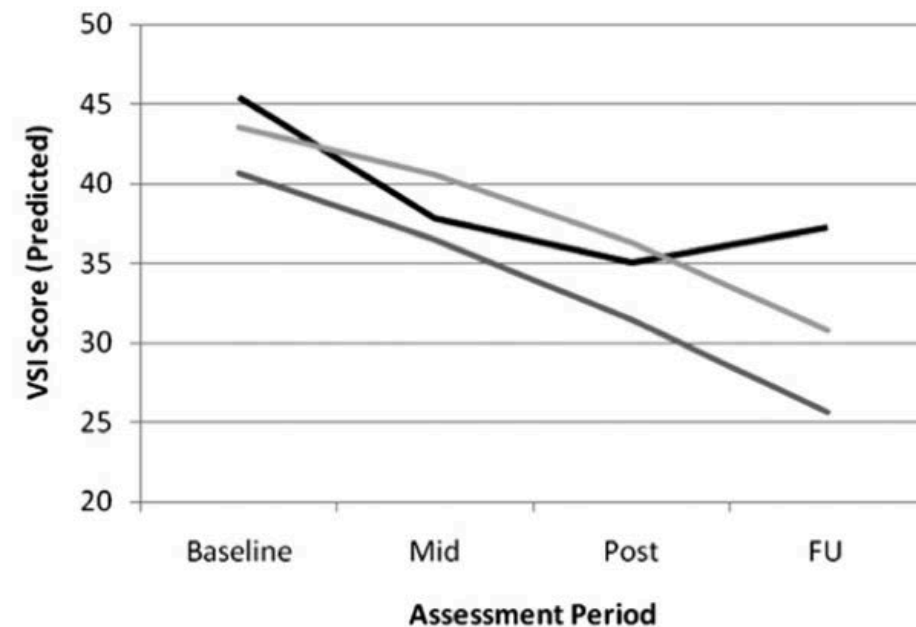


Fig. 2. BSI decline slopes and VSI decline slopes for all three treatment groups across all assessment periods (baseline through follow-up).

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Questions?

Bristol Stool Chart

Type 01		Separate hard lumps like nuts (hard to pass)
Type 02		Sausage shaped but hard and lumpy May contain corn
Type 03		Like a sausage but with cracks on the surface
Type 04		Like a long sausage or snake — Smooth and long
Type 05		Soft blobs with clear cut edges (passed easily)
Type 06		Fluffy pieces with no clear cut edges a mushy stool
		Diarrhea Entirely liquid no solid pieces

Types 3-5 indicate ideal stool for health and comfort

