

# Review of: "LC, POTS, and ME/CFS: Lifting the Fog"

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Dear Author,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review your paper. The topic of your manuscript is of great interest and, in my opinion, it should be published in the next issue of the selected journal, however only after addressing the following comments:

1. "Although there have been a few hypotheses incorporating autoantibodies, nutrient deficiencies, reactivation of Epstein-Barr virus (EBV),..., " – please rephrase so that in the final version no "..." appear. The same suggestion for the following phrases:
  - "Receptor polymorphisms, enzyme polymorphisms, the impact of methylation on suppressor and promoter genes, ..., create a maze."
  - "The LC and ME/CFS gut microbiomes lack biodiversity (insufficient bifidobacteria, lactobacilli,...)"
2. What does SCFA mean? Please be sure you explain every abbreviation you use in the text. Same comment for GABA, VZV.
3. I like that you have used many figures that are representative for the topics you discuss in the article. I see that most of them are taken from other articles (you mention the source). However, I suggest that you improve the quality/resolution of these photos. Also related to the figures, I suggest you add 1-2 sentences in the legend of each figure explaining its highlights/most relevant data.
4. The "Conclusion" section is incomplete in my opinion. I suggest adding a final paragraph regarding your personal thought on the hypothesis you developed throughout the paper. Also, the implications of this theory on the diagnostic/therapeutic approaches would be interesting, as every hypothesis is useful if it brings something relevant to the clinical practice.
5. I would also suggest you to design an original figure where you include all factors related to your hypothesis. A visual representation of a theoretical concept would be very helpful for readers in order to better understand the message of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

