Question 11 – Week of October 15

Which of the following antibiotics have shown to improve symptoms in greater percentage of patients with IBS as compared to placebo and the response lasted at least 10 weeks after discontinuation of the drug

- A. Rifampin
- B. Rifaximin
- C. Ciprofloxacin
- D. Erythromycin

Answer: B

Rifaximin was recently shown to improve symptoms in patients with IBS after 2 weeks of treatment and the effect was sustained for 10 weeks after discontinuing drug.

Reference:

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