

Figure S1 Sources of health information for information by the participants.

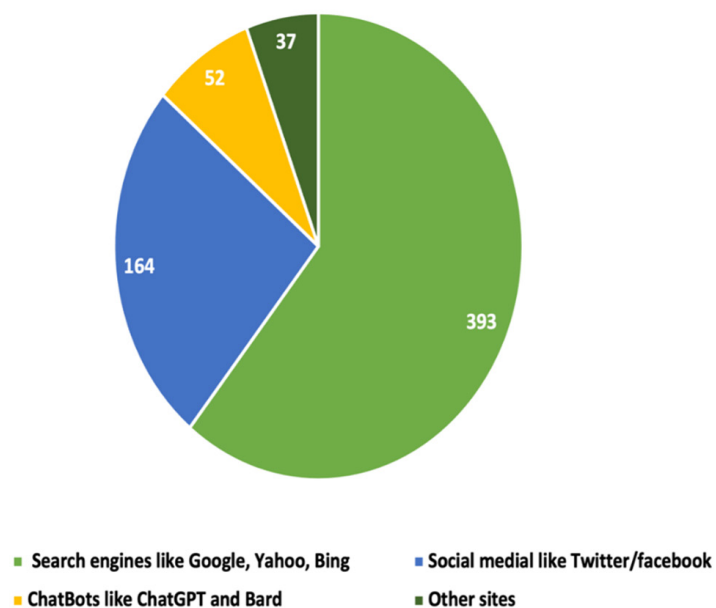
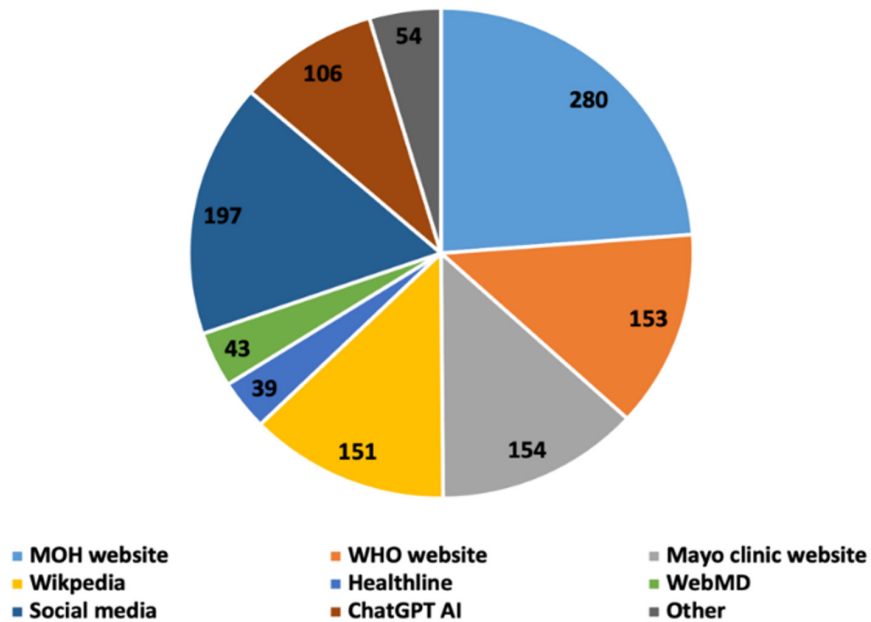


Figure S2 Preferred browsers used by health information seekers.



**Figure S3** Ranking of websites for health information seekers.

**Table S1** Multivariable logistic binary regression analysis of participants odds of having irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), N=451

Variables	Multivariable adjusted odds ratio	95% CI for odds ratio		P value
		Lower	Upper	
Sex	1.480	0.999	2.193	0.050
Age $\geq$ 45 years	0.811	0.659	0.999	0.049
Positive medical History of Migrane headaches	2.096	1.203	3.651	0.009
Educational Level	0.975	0.754	1.260	0.85
Marital state	1.360	0.778	2.375	0.28
IBS knowledge score	1.153	1.054	1.262	0.002
Constant	0.851			0.75

Dependent outcome variable: irritable bowel syndrome (no/yes).