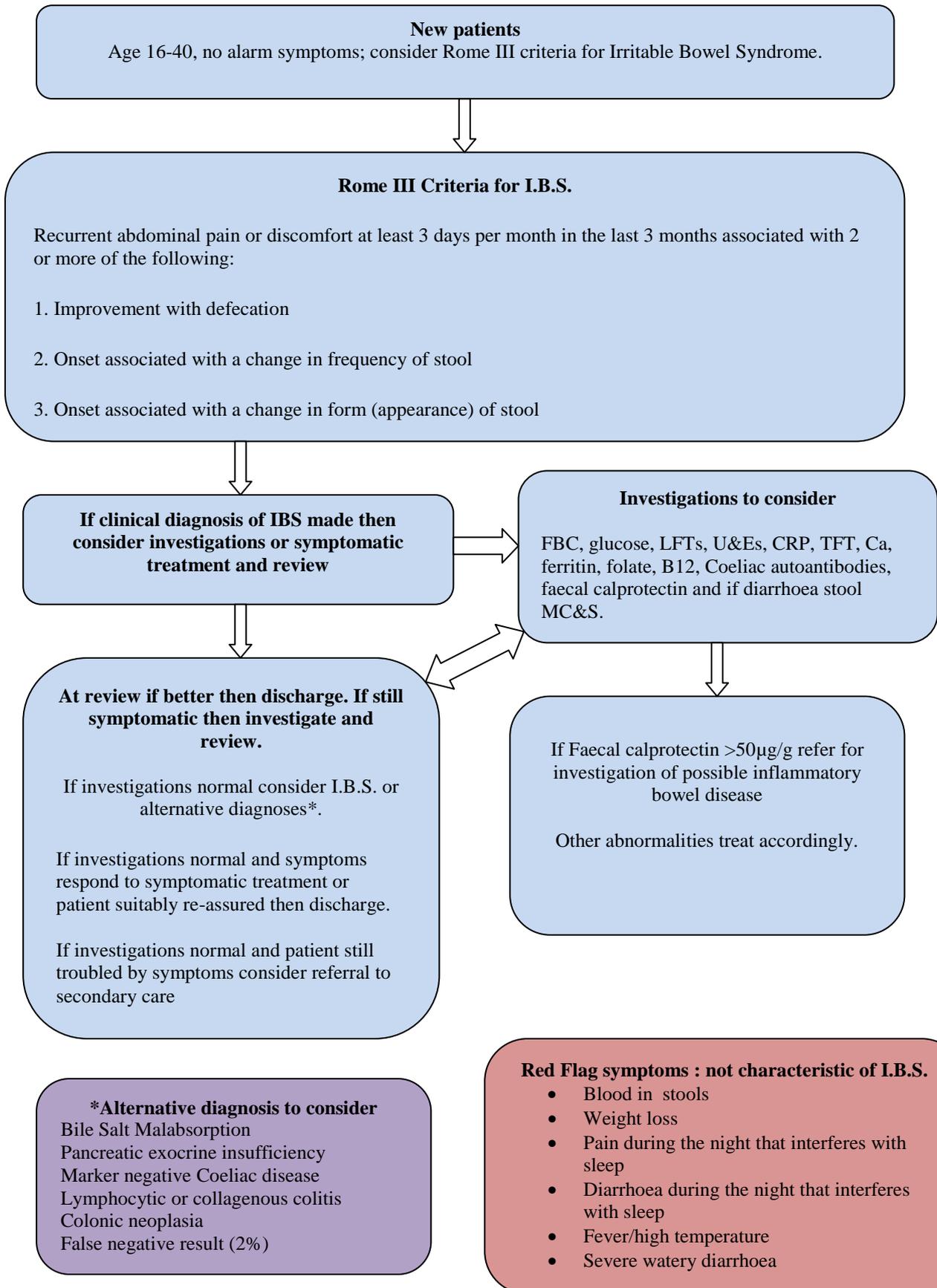


Algorithm for the use of faecal calprotectin in General Practice in patients presenting with lower gastrointestinal symptoms
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***Alternative diagnosis to consider**
 Bile Salt Malabsorption
 Pancreatic exocrine insufficiency
 Marker negative Coeliac disease
 Lymphocytic or collagenous colitis
 Colonic neoplasia
 False negative result (2%)

Red Flag symptoms : not characteristic of I.B.S.

- Blood in stools
- Weight loss
- Pain during the night that interferes with sleep
- Diarrhoea during the night that interferes with sleep
- Fever/high temperature
- Severe watery diarrhoea