

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your recommendations for our manuscript titled " **Probiotics and Allergy**".

First of all, we would like to thank the reviewers for their invaluable contributions. We revised our manuscript according to the comments of the reviewer, and responded to each question raised in the recommendations accordingly. We submitted 'marked up' and 'clean' versions of our revised manuscript together with our response to the reviewers. Also the manuscript was reviewed by a medical writer and all the grammar mistakes, dangling sentences were attempted to be corrected accordingly. We are looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully.

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Responses to the Reviewers' Comments:

Criticisms:

In this interesting paper, the therapeutic potential of probiotics in allergy is reviewed. Specific comments:

#1

The terms “probiotics”, “prebiotic”, and “probitocis” should be clearly defined.

Answer:

These terms were clearly defined.

#2

Tables would be useful to the readers, e.g.:- A Table listing the various strains of probiotics that are used.- For each disease, a Table listings clinical trials with probiotics and summary of results.

Answer:

A table including various strains of probiotics and listings clinical trials is added in the text.

#3

References need to be more systematically and clearly provided. For instance, references are lacking after:- “infections experienced in the children living together with their older siblings have been proposed to prevent allergic diseases” (page 4)- “A randomized double blind study conducted with administered bacterial lysate shown a correlation between gUt microbiota and atopic dermatitis” (page 6)- “Greater number of elder siblings found to be correlated with an increase in lactobacilli and bacteroides colonization and a decrease in clostridia in the gut” (page 6)- “A more diverse intestinal microbiota in the first week of life is associated with a

reduced risk of subsequent eczema in infants at increased risk of allergic disease” (page 6)4)

What is “IFN- γ ”? (page 8)

Answer:

References and IFN- γ are corrected.