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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3238-review.docx).

Title: Probiotics for the Treatment of *Clostridium difficile* Associated Disease

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1 The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Based on the comments provided by reviewer # 00029041, we added some information to the end of the manuscript regarding *Clostridium butyricum* MIYARI 588. A corresponding reference (# 62) was also added to the revised paper.

2 Revisions have also been made according to the suggestions of the second reviewer (#01944824).

- (1) Some information from the most recent Cochrane Review was added to the paper (page 8, first paragraph). The appropriate reference (#47) was added to the revised paper.
- (2) Per the excellent suggestion of the reviewer, further information was provided regarding similarities and differences between probiotics and fecal transplantation for CDAD. This information can be found on page 8 of the revised manuscript. Pertinent references (53-55) were added to the revised version of the paper.

3 In order to facilitate identifying the requested changes made to the paper, these areas have been highlighted in yellow within the revised version of the manuscript.

4 I made all the changes suggested by the editor to the document, with the exception of having 100 references. For this particular review paper, the number of references (62) is sufficient, based on my scientific expertise and experience. More references are deemed to be redundant for this paper.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*.

Sincerely yours,

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