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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a good frontier article. However, there are some issues to be addressed. The authors examined the effectiveness of probiotics in managing functional constipation, and they assumed that current studies are inconclusive on demonstrating their efficacy capacity. Nevertheless, they also assert that there is potential benefit in their preventing role “..Indrio and coworkers provided convincing evidence that prophylactic use of probiotics also would be able to prevent developing FC in young children with a significant reduction in healthcare cost ...”. I suggest the authors discuss more in detail this last issue, especially explaining the pathophysiological mechanisms involved. Moreover, the authors should disclose if there is any possible use of wireless motility capsules in diagnosing chronic functional constipation in pediatric patients.



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1. The title should be : Childhood functional constipation: Current status..... 2. The Hirschsprun's disease should be discussed more in the manuscript as it is the most common reason of childhood constipation. 3. The manuscript is too long and need to be streamlined.



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The topic is well presented and explained with updated with appropriate references.