

Dear Ya Juan Ma, Science Editor, Editorial Office .

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Manuscript Title:

A Single Center Randomized-Double-Blind Controlled Study Evaluating the Effectiveness of Probiotic Therapy for the Prevention of Relapse in Patients with Inactive Ulcerative Colitis

Thank you very much for your e-mail and reviewer's comments. We have revised our manuscript along the lines specified by the reviewer. The changes are as follows:

Major 1: answer

The criteria of relapse is defined as "*Clinical symptoms were evaluated monthly or on the exacerbation of symptoms or need for additional medication*", of the sentences in material and methods of our paper, which means that the score of CAI would be more than 6 or patients would need additional treatments to original treatment or bloody stool would appear.

Major 2: answer

About the mean titer of CRP between remission and relapse and between placebo group and probiotics group and among Cluster I , II ,III, there was no difference at all in our study.

Also about mean titer of CAI, there was no significant difference placebo group between at entry and at finish, and also in probiotics group between at entry and at finish in our study.

Minor 1: answer

I have added a note about the title of Fig.2 and Fig3.

Minor 2: answer

I checked the word "active" in the following sentence "The randomized double-blind controlled study was designed to evaluate the effectiveness of probiotic therapy for suppressing relapse in patients with inactive ulcerative colitis (UC) (P2, line 2-4)."

We attach one copy of the original and one copy of the revised manuscript.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our paper. We look forward to your response.

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