

Dear Jing Yu:

My coauthors and I are pleased that you have offered us the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled "Contemporary meta-analysis of short-term probiotic consumption on gastrointestinal transit" (Manuscript number 23608). We would initially like to acknowledge the reviewer's kind remarks and thoughtful suggestions for improving the quality of the paper. Please see our response to the reviewer's comments below.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Miller, Ph.D.
Corresponding author

Reviewer 00037028

Comment

Very nice manuscript. References need to comply with journal standards by including all author names and providing PMID and DOI information.

Authors' response

Thank you for your kind remarks. We have updated the in-text citations and the bibliography according to the World Journal of Gastroenterology style.

Reviewer 02442330

Comment

Literature 2 does not proof the statement of the given sentence.

Authors' response

Thank you for your comment—we have replaced reference #2 with a more appropriate reference. **Camilleri M.** Review article: biomarkers and personalised therapy in functional lower gastrointestinal disorders. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2015; **42**(7): 818-828 [PMID: 26264216 PMCID: PMC4558225 DOI: 10.1111/apt.13351]

Editor

Comment

Please provide the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s)/letter(s). A copy of the full approved grant application form(s), consisting of the information section and body section, should be provided to the BPG in PDF format. Thank you!

Authors' response

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Authors' response

An audio core tip file has been submitted as part of the resubmission package.

Comment

Please reformat all the reference numbers (superscript with square brackets). Please check throughout. Thank you!

Authors' response

We have updated the in-text citations and the bibliography according to the World Journal of Gastroenterology style.

Comment

Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout. For those references that have not been indexed by PubMed, a printed copy of the first page of the full reference should be submitted.

Authors' response

We have updated the in-text citations and the bibliography according to the World Journal of Gastroenterology style. References 3, 11, 16, 21, and 24 are not indexed in PubMed. We have attached the first page of these references in the resubmission package.

Comment

The graph supplied should be decomposable (each part of your figure could be moved so as to easily edited). You can send it as word or PPT format so that I can edit them easily. Thank you!

Authors' response

We have provided Figure 1 in PowerPoint file format. Additionally, we have supplied Figures 2-5 as separate high-resolution PDF files if needed.