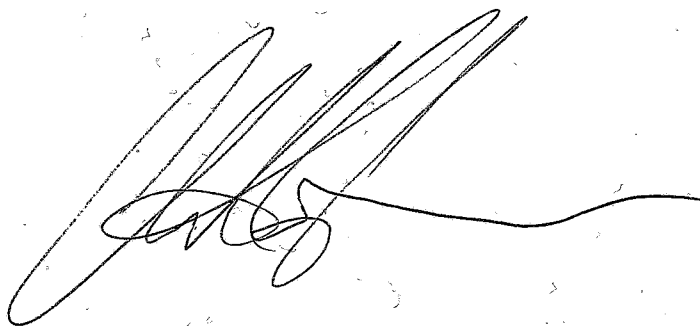


Dear Editor:

I have performed a statistical review of the methods utilized in the manuscript titled "Contemporary meta-analysis of short-term probiotic consumption on gastrointestinal transit" (manuscript number 23608) submitted by Miller et al. for consideration to World Journal of Gastroenterology. The statistical methods utilized are appropriate for the study design and applied correctly to arrive at the conclusions presented. Statistical results are presented and discussed correctly throughout the manuscript. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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