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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper proposed recommendations for the use of probiotics for pediatric gastrointestinal disorders in the Asia-Pacific countries. It is a timely contribution to the increasing research interest in probiotics. It would be great if the authors can highlight the gaps where further research will be useful. Otherwise, I have no further comments.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments to Manuscript: This is a really timely effort to assess the situation for probiotics in Asia-Pacific region. I was delighted to read the manuscript and I appreciate it a lot. There are only minor adjustments I that I request the authors to consider and these are as follows: 1. The abstract states "adjunctive treatment" I wonder if this could be called adjunct treatment or "oral rehydration complemented with specific probiotics" 2. At the end of abstract I would suggest wording "Finally, specific probiotics with a history of safe use in preterm and term infants may be considered in infants for prevention of necrotizing enterocolitis." 3. The probiotic definition given in the introduction is "Probiotics are live microorganisms that when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit" which was grammatically corrected from the WHO working group by Hil and coworkers so it should be reference by ref 15 not 10. 4. I

would suggest the following wording for the sentence under the heading “Human Gut Microbiome”: “Probiotics are live microorganisms that when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit” 5. Probiotic chapter first sentence - please add reference 15 (Hill et al ) here to emphasize the consensus definition on Probiotics. 6. At the end of the above mentioned section I would expand on safety issues and consider the below mentioned references on safety of probiotics. Examples of some safety related publication and long term effects on probiotics in infants and children: Comment on safety, eg Luoto et al 10-year experience on LGG use very low birth weight infants: Luoto R, Isolauri E, Lehtonen L. Safety of Lactobacillus GG probiotic in infants with very low birth weight: twelve years of experience. Clin Infect Dis. 2010 May 1;50(9):1327-8. Long-term safety and efficacy: Lundelin K, Poussa T, Salminen S, Isolauri E. Long-term safety and efficacy of perinatal probiotic intervention: Evidence from a follow-up study of four randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials. Pediatr Allergy Immunol. 2017 Mar;28(2):170-175. The report o Probiotic in hypoallergenic formula for 5 years (Scalabrin D, Harris C, Johnston WH, Berseth CL. Long-term safety assessment in children who received hydrolyzed protein formulas with Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG: a 5-year follow-up. Eur J Pediatr. 2017 Feb;176(2):217-224.