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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the present study, authors performed a randomized controlled trial study for investigating the effect of consumption of powder containing probiotic *Lactobacillus plantarum* Dad-13 on gut microbiota and intestinal health of overweight adults. Overall, it is a complete study with some interesting findings, however I've got some suggestions regarding this experiment. Why did you chose *L. plantarum* Dad-13 and the dosage chosen ration for your study needs to be clarified. I noticed that the body weight was significant changed among sexes, please provide necessary explanations. Why the lipid profiles remain unchanged? Does the different sexes have dissimilar patterns? Could you please provide necessary explanations on the decreased butyrate levels? I noticed that authors compared the gut microbiota at different taxonomic levels, based on 16s sequencing, I suggest authors performed bacterial absolute quantification using qPCR. Other suggestions, LN 67 From analysis of gut microbiota showed significant increase of Bacteroidetes especially in genus *Prevotella* from 14.56 ± 11.57 to 19.25 ± 13.03 (%) in the , while there is significant decrease on Please check. Abbreviations needs to be explained when first time used.