

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] Anonymous [ <input type="radio"/> ] Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: [ <input type="radio"/> ] Yes [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] No
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Although the authors worked probably hard to write this review, unfortunately there is no novelty and nothing too useful for readers. The organization of the content within the paragraphs is lacking. The authors jump from a single study to results of meta-analyses or systematic reviews. There is no illustration of the mentioned data in a structured manner, like a concise Table. I would like to emphasize that there have been at list two publications, this year, on the same topic: “Chu X, et al. Probiotics for preventing gestational diabetes mellitus in overweight or obese pregnant women: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS. Clin Nutr ESPEN. 2022” and “Obuchowska A, et al. Effects of Probiotic Supplementation during Pregnancy on the Future Maternal Risk of Metabolic Syndrome. Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2022 (which contains many data referring to gestational diabetes mellitus and not only), nicely organized and summarized and containing pertinent and useful data. In order to be useful for readers, this review should add something new, which could give it some value. I strongly advise the authors to reorganize their work and to insert new data, ideas, concepts etc. This is of paramount importance. Some examples of this current manuscript: 1. Abstract: The purpose/aim of this review appears by the end, while the results (findings) are written before the aim. The sentence “More large well-designed adequately-powered trials are needed to identify the influence of probiotics on plasma glucose and other maternal and neonatal outcomes in overweight/obese pregnant women in different countries.” should come in the end. 2. Introduction: Before the proper aim, the same sentence “More large well-designed adequately-powered trials are needed to identify the influence of probiotics on plasma glucose and other maternal and neonatal outcomes in



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overweight/obese pregnant women in different countries.” is written. 3. Conclusion contains the same sentence “More large well-designed adequately-powered trials are needed to identify the influence of probiotics on maternal and neonatal outcomes in overweight/obese pregnant women in different countries.” Please avoid redundant sentences and reorganize the content properly. Minor comments: 1. There is no Authors’ Contribution, no affiliations, no ORCID Numbers. Please insert. 2. Key words: It would be advisable to use other Key words, not those belonging to the title. This would increase the likelihood of the paper being found by readers. The importance of Keywords is to improve indexing.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Very well thought and need of the hour for preventing gestation diabetes for many pregnant women across globe.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript has been markedly improved. Major comment: Conclusion is too long. Please re-write it and make it short and crispy. Also, conclusion should not include references. Please correct. Also, I do not understand why Conclusion has references starting with [1] until [27] and Introduction starts with references [6,41,51]. References should be numbered in their order of appearance in the text. Minor suggestions: Table 1 – Please add numbers of the References. Please use a pertinent criterium for the insertion of the studies (e.g. year of publication or alphabetical order).