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Dear Jin-zhong Xiao,

Thank you for choosing American Journal Experts. Overall, this was a very well written text investigating the effect of BB526 on defecation in elderly individuals receiving enteral feeding. However, there were a few consistent errors that could be easily corrected to improve the overall quality of your writing.

Commas should also be included prior to “such as” and “including” when these terms are used to introduce nonessential information into a sentence or clause. For example, a comma was added prior to the “including” in the following sentence: “The present study had several strengths, including randomized treatment allocation, use of placebo controls, assessment of dose effect, evaluation using two successive studies, and evaluation of fecal microbiota during the study.” Note how the sentence would still retain its meaning without the information introduced by “such as”; this is why a comma is necessary.

The relative pronoun “which” can be used to introduce nonessential information into a sentence, whereas the relative pronoun “that” should be used to introduce essential information into a sentence. For example, “which” was edited to read as “that” in the following sentence: “We focused on the types of bifidobacteria that are the major components of intestinal microbiota in humans and provide beneficial effects to human health [23].” Note how the information following “that” is essential to understanding the purpose of the sentence.

The phrase “on the other hand” should only be used when paired with “on one hand”. “On the other hand” can commonly be edited to read as “however” or “in contrast” without losing meaning. For example, “on the other hand” was edited to read as “in contrast” in the following sentence: “In contrast, probiotics are considered to be generally safe.”

Please also closely review the additional comments and edits to further improve both this text and your future writing. Many changes were made not to correct an error but to improve the overall clarity and readability of the text.

Thank you again for using our editing services; we wish you the best of luck with your submission.

Best Regards,

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