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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This systematic review included most of studies with a small number of patients, which the authors also detected. And most of studies could not be reliable in the view of statistical analysis.



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Considering the high prevalence of functional GI disorders nowadays and the numerous studies on the role of probiotics in treating such conditions it is important to know where we stand. This meta-analysis demonstrates the efficacy of probiotic supplementation in improving intestinal transit time. It is very well written, with methods clearly presented. Conclusions are drawn regarding the clinical importance of these findings and their relevance to clinical trials design, representing valuable information. A minor comment would be to check the references for possible missing citation numbers, for example ref no. 8.