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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors: It was a pleasure reviewing your manuscript entitled “The Role of Vitamins in Gastrointestinal Disease.” I found this well written manuscript incredibly informative and useful covering a topic that needs to be summarized given the many trials and case series with conflicting results. You should be commended for the document being comprehensive and I found the section’s discussing Vitamin D and colon cancer, IBD and liver disease particularly useful. I had a few minor areas for further development of ideas in the document as outlined below and a handful of minor typographical errors I found. Strength: Vitamin D and colon cancer section and vitamin D and IBD section Minor: 1. Page 7, First paragraph: There was a very nice lead into antioxidants potentially preventing CRC but then an abrupt stoppage with the sentence: Results were mostly disappointing. The paragraph that follows is somewhat choppy. Please compare the strengths and weaknesses of the studies (Systematic review, Cochrane review) quoted to provide the reader a context for interpreting the results. Specifically, the Cochrane analysis is commonly the most rigid study so this might be the “best” current knowledge on this topic. 2. Page 12, Vitamin B2: Please briefly outline the study where the potential correlation between B2 and CDAI was shown to provide the reader with context



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for the thought. 3. Page 12, Vitamin B and Malignancies: I really enjoy how comprehensive this review is, but the sentence regarding high folate being a risk for cancer is important. Please outline why the studies are limited in one sentence again to provide the reader an understanding whether this is basic science data, speculation, etc.... 4. Typographical 1. Page 3, Second paragraph, First sentence: This sentence should be re-written as it reads strangely. Also, please remove the letter "s" from the last word of the sentence. It should be "market." 2. Page 3, Second paragraph, last sentence, last word: Consider changing to "alone." 3. Page 4, First paragraph, line 2: Please change "and" to "an." 4. Page 4, Second paragraph, last line: Consider changing "in case" to "if" 5. Page 6, First paragraph, Please consider moving the sentence "No therapeutic trials are available" back into the main paragraph. 6. Page 8, Second paragraph, (lines 13-15 of the page): This sentence reads strangely. Please re-write. 7. Page 13, Second paragraph, line 5: Please define PLP in the parenthesis as "Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate." 8. Page 14, Second paragraph, line 6: Please add a space between 100 and $\mu\text{g}/\text{day}$. 9. Page 14, Third paragraph, last sentence: This sentence reads strangely. Please consider re-writing or simply moving the word specifically to after the acronym CRC. 10. Page 17, last line: Please correct 25OHD3 to 25(OH)D3. 11. Page 19, Second paragraph, 6th line: Please change "an" to "a" prior to "RR." 12. Page 20, First paragraph, line 6: Please add a p-value to the Odds ratio. 13. Page 22, First paragraph, line 6: I do not believe that "hemostasis" is the correct word here. I think the author's meant homeostasis. Please review and check for accuracy. 14. Page 24, First paragraph, line 1: Please make trial plural.



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It is a very good concept however the literature evidence is inadequate. I am afraid the deficiency is in each section. The current writing style doesnt really work either - it just doesn't flow. I would rather discuss IBD and then move on to other conditions. That is how we manage conditions in our practices and would be far more interesting than discussing each vitamin in isolation. The individual reviews should then amalgamate to form a bigger picture leaving the reader comfortable and satisfied with the conclusions.



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This is a very well written and exhaustive review of clinical trial data on vitamin therapy for gastroenterological diseases. I would suggest the authors separate out the positive trials from the negative trials so the reader doesn't have to wade through everything to find out what has good evidence. Also, the comments about Vitamins D and B12 in hepatitis C therapy are somewhat irrelevant now that current guidelines do not recommend interferon for first-line therapy.



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It is a very good and interesting work, well written and with excellent tables and Figure.



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It's a good paper. This is a complete and well written review. The issue is of great interest. Only minor linguistic revision could improve the manuscript.