

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10223-reviewed.docx).

Title: Intestinal microbiota in health and disease: role of bifidobacteria in maintaining gut homeostasis

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We acknowledge the effort of the two reviewers for the critical reading of our manuscript and we are grateful of their comments.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of Reviewer #2 (02822033) as follows:

- (1) The sentence of line 276 was associated with that of lines 277-279; thus both sentences correspond with citation number [86]. To clarify this, the reference [86] was also included in line 276.
- (2) Similarly, the phrases of lines 283-285 and 285-288 are interconnected and both correspond with citation number [88]. Thus, to make cleared the reference [88] was also cited in line 285.
- (3) The review [89] about "Probiotics and lung disease", cited first time in line 293, also indicates that the immune modulation capability of probiotics at mucosa level can have impact on sites distal to intestine, such as the respiratory tract. Therefore, citation [89] was also placed at line 296.
- (4) The misspelling Tisser (line 339) was corrected by Tissier
- (5) The reference [107] (in line 801) was corrected as the reviewer has indicated.

These modifications have been underlined in yellow in the revised manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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