

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

**Title:** Enteral Nutrition and Immune Modulation of Acute Pancreatitis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1:

1.) Is there a conflict of interest? –

There is no conflict of interest. A disclosure statement was added to the article.

2.) page 3, reference 1 seems quite old. Is there a more recent publication on this ?

Reference 1 has been updated to a more recent publication.

3.) Please explain abbreviations –

Corrected

4.) “Immune Modulating Effects of Pre and Probiotics”- I would not use abbreviations in heading

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5.) Page 7, “Prebiotics have been previously reported to be beneficial to the care of SAP patients in helping normalized APACHE II and CRP levels”-> helping to normalize?

Edits added

6.) Page 7, “ However, the study by Bessilink et al (2008) casted some doubt on the beneficial role of probiotics. However, this study has some limitations that we previously discussed in detail.”

->Readers might not have access to the mentioned publications. I would advise to metioned the limitations.

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7.) Page 7, "Sharma et al. looked at the role of probiotics on gut permeability and endotoxemia to prevent infectious complications in AP patients [20]. Interestingly, the investigators enrolled 50 patients into a double-blind, randomized placebo controlled trial prior to abandoning the study due to excessive mortality and infections in SAP patients reported by Besselink et al."

Corrected to clarify this comment:

Reviewer 2:

"Immune modulating effects of enteral nutrition"

The pathophysiologic sequence of SAP from local inflammatory process to SIRS is well presented but i think not correct to overlap the SAP with SIRS because the enteral nutrition at the beginning of severe or also moderate/severe forms of pancreatitis when the systemic inflammatory response can not be started.

The sentence was modified by deleting "in patients with SIRS".

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Refaat Hegazi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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