

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Efficacy of Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) supplement in management of constipation among nursing home residents

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**Reviewer:** Richard Nahas

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#### Major Compulsory Revisions

1. A more detailed description of frequency, duration and/or amount of baseline laxative use in Results is required.
2. There appears to be a trend toward increased levels of b-glucosidase and b-glucuronidase during treatment. This is important and needs to be explicitly stated in terms of its relevance to enterohepatic toxin recirculation.

#### Minor Essential Revisions

1. References are required for the claimed benefits of the three LAB species described at the end of the introduction.
2. The authors should explain the clinical relevance of the enzymes measured with references for each one.
3. Several minor grammatical errors should be corrected.

#### Discretionary Revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

#### **Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests