Reviewer's report

Title: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis: Probiotics in the treatment of Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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Reviewer: Lisa Conboy

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This article is important and well-accomplished. I have only a few minor comments.

1-In the abstract, "Longer terms trials are recommended" the "L" should not be a capital letter.

2-In Literature search section please tell the reader when the searching was done; months and year.

3-Page 5 first paragraph offers Bittner as the example of an excluded study. Please tell the reader an example of how studies may have not treated the groups equally and then end sentence with Bittner citation.

4-In the limitations mention why the readers were not blinded to the citation information and what bias might be introduced because of this.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.