Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical trial: Probiotic treatment of acute distal ulcerative colitis with rectally administered Escheria coli Nissle 1917 (EcN)

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This is an interesting paper, with only minor marginal flaws.
In the Introduction, line 10 "Cytoprotective agents" are mentioned for IBD therapy. Please explain which drugs you mean to put under this label.
At lines 17-18 some studies employing probiotic agents for ulcerative colitis are mentioned. Please distinguish between treatment of active disease and maintenance treatment of UC in remission (e.g. the study with S. boulardii in UC is NOT a maintenance study)
Please double-check your English, there are some small mistakes here and there in the Discussion section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests