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Dear editor, please consider the now revised manuscript entitled “Effect of supplement with lactic-acid producing bacteria on fatigue and physical activity in patients with chronic fatigue syndrome” by Åsa Sullivan, Carl Erik Nord and myself. We have revised it according to the reviewer’s suggestions and they have clarified some aspects. In the abstract the assessments used are described. A reference (29) has been added describing the method used for cultivation of faeces. Lactobacillus F19 was examined as a check for compliance and this has been clarified in the method-section. Gas-liquid chromatography was used to identify species, not for the purpose of detecting anaerobic bacteria. This is described in the text. The tables have been clarified with a heading in the first column.

If you have any more aspects you want to have clarified please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. We are happy to communicate with you in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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