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Dear Editor in Chief

I would very much like to submit a paper to the “Nutrition Journal”. Please review our revised manuscript entitled “Efficacy of Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) supplement in management of constipation among nursing home residents.” with your kind consideration. This manuscript has not been published in part and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

I look forward to hearing good news from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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The manuscript was revised as follow;

1. A more detailed description of frequency, duration and/or amount of baseline laxative use in Results is required.
   The composition (All 19 subjects were assigned to receive LAB (3.0 x 10^{11} CFU/g) twice (to be taken 30 minutes after breakfast and dinner) a day for 2 weeks) was inserted.

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.
   The harmful enzyme activities of intestinal microflora in Results was revised.

3. References are required for the claimed benefits of the three LAB species described at the end of the introduction.
   The references [10-12] were inserted.