Reviewer’s report

Title: Increasing work-place healthiness with the probiotic Lactobacillus reuteri

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General
This manuscript showed the efficacy of probiotics, Lactobacillus reuteri, to increase the sick-leave days. This is very important concern both public health and cost benefit.
The authors have to answer about several questions as follows;
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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Show the reason why the authors set up this study for 80 days.
2. Show the method of randomization.
3. Show the data if the authors measured the grade of sick.
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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Have to replace reference #2 to #3.
2. Show the number of subjects who reported the sick leave days.
3. Have to correct Figure 1. The number was wrong.
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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
None

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.