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Dear Editor,

Thank you for reviewing the revised manuscript for the study protocol now entitled "An oral preparation of Lactobacillus acidophilus for the treatment of non-complicated acute watery diarrhoea in Vietnamese children: study protocol for a multi-centre randomised placebo-controlled trial" by M. Kolader et al., for potential publication in Trials. All comments and suggestions have been addressed and highlighted in the attached manuscript.

Editor’s comments:
"The authors need to address the reviewer’s query about the use of zinc in the subjects in either group of this trial. This is particularly so since the manuscript itself refers to zinc being a major treatment for acute diarrhea (introduction, para 2, sentence 1)."

This issue has been addressed and the text in the manuscript has been changed accordingly on page 5 (row 117), page 6 (row 163 – 164), and page 15 (row 394).

Editorial request:
1) Title: please ensure the title conforms to journal style for study protocol articles. The title should follow the format ‘__________: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.’

The title of the manuscript has been altered to: “An oral preparation of Lactobacillus acidophilus for the treatment of non-complicated acute watery diarrhoea in Vietnamese children: study protocol for a multi-centre randomised placebo-controlled trial”.

2) Please ensure that your study protocol is formatted as outlined in our instructions for authors.

The manuscript has been formatted according to the instructions for authors.

Hopefully the alterations are satisfactory and we eagerly await your decision for acceptance of the manuscript for publication in Trials.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Dr. Stephen Baker, BSc PhD