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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

NAFLD is a relevant complex clinic disease with increasing incidence, probably because of the higher frequency of obesity in the population. The advances in the knowledge of NAFLD and its increasing incidence have led to many scientific studies in the last years. Many studies on pharmacological and life style interventions have been published but it is difficult to obtain firm conclusions. This meta-analysis is an interesting revision on the present knowledge on probiotics and NAFLD but again introduces the difficulty in obtaining unequivocal correlations between biochemical changes and pharmacological treatment or lifestyle modifications, including the inclusion of probiotics in diet. This meta-analysis suggests that liver inflammatory markers become significantly reduced with the use of probiotics and this has been interpreted as indirect evidence of the effect on inflammation and liver damage by the intervention. Nevertheless, the meta-analysis concludes that many of the data analyzed remain without modification on pooled analysis with the inclusion of probiotics. All of these data makes the difficulty in assessing the real effect of probiotics on NAFLD evident. Nevertheless, the data obtained by this meta-analysis are interesting since they demonstrate the complexity of the factors which may influence the development of NAFLD.



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1. Very interesting work 2. I have no comments



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It is an excellent article. Very interesting paper that support the efficacy of probiotics in NAFLD. Two points to consider: - There is a little reference in conclusions about the type of probiotics that has been used in the studies that has been analyzed. I think that it would be interesting to explain the effect of these probiotics (mainly bifidobacterium with Fructo-Oligosaccharides) in NAFLD. - Some references should be corrected.