



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Manuscript NO: 41848

Title: Probiotic Medilac-S® for the induction of clinical remission in a Chinese population with ulcerative colitis: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Science editor: Jin-Lei Wang

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors performed a systematic review and meta-analysis for probiotic Medilac-S for the induction in a Chinese population with ulcerative colitis (UC) and showed Medilac-S in conjunction with conventional aminosalicylates was effective in inducing clinical



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remission, improving GI tract symptoms and histological scores, and reducing adverse effects. The paper is well-written and has valuable information regarding induction therapy for patients with UC. 1. "Medirac-S" is a bland name, so it should be changed to "Medilac-S®". 2. page 9, line 21: What are "Mei-changan" and "US-changan"? 3. page 14, line 21: "53 RCTs" should be changed to "53 Chinese RCTs".

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author clarified the effectiveness of Medilac-S with SASP in inducing remission by meta-analysis. There is another meta-analysis, however the present study includes 53 trials which is more than double comparing previous one. This article is well



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summarized and no need for further revision.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting metanalyses in a chinese population on the role of probiotic medilac-s for the induction of clinical remission with ulcerative colitis. The article is suitable for publication however a statistician should control the analyses. Also another



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issue is that there is no experience on this probiotic outside China e.g. to western populations with ulcerative colitis.

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