

Dear Respected Editor/Reviewer:

Thank you for your thorough review and constructive feedback on our manuscript, titled "[**Nutritional Management and Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Systematic Review**]." We appreciate your kind words and are grateful for the opportunity to improve our work. We have carefully addressed each of your comments and made the following revisions:

## **Response to Reviewer Comments**

### **Title and Abstract**

1. **Comment:** The reviewer suggests that the title and abstract should be revised to more accurately reflect the content of the manuscript, which covers nutritional and gastrointestinal (GI) issues in ASD, various diets, vitamin supplements, and other interventions.

**Response:** Thank you for your insightful feedback. We agree that the title and abstract should better reflect the broad scope of the review. We have revised the title to:

**New Title: "Nutritional Management and Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Systematic Review"**

We have also updated the abstract to ensure it accurately represents the review's content, including nutritional issues, GI problems, various diets, vitamin supplements, feeding therapy, behavioral interventions, and mealtime practices.

### **Background Section**

2. **Comment:** The sentence "Various interventions, including feeding therapy and behavioral approaches, have been explored to address these difficulties" is repetitive and should be removed from the Background section.

**Response:** We have removed the repetitive sentence from the Background section and expanded it to provide a more comprehensive overview of existing literature on GI issues, dietary interventions, and vitamin supplements in ASD, aligning it better with the scope of the review.

**Comment:** The Background should focus on providing an overview of the existing literature on the subject. Additional sentences on other relevant topics (such as GI issues, various diets, and vitamin supplements) could be included.

**Response:** it is already included in the paragraph with references 9-10.

### **Objectives Section**

3. **Comment:** The Objectives section currently suggests only behavioral interventions were investigated. Listing the various aspects covered in the review would be more accurate.

**Response:** We have revised the Objectives section to clearly state that the review covers nutritional management, GI issues, dietary recommendations, vitamin supplements, and behavioral interventions. The revised section now accurately reflects the full scope of the review.

### **Methods Section**

4. **Comment:** The specific time frame for including relevant studies is not mentioned in the Methods section.

**Response:** We have added the specific time frame for the studies included in the review. The updated Methods section now states that studies published up to [insert specific date] were considered.

### **Results Section**

5. **Comment:** The number of studies identified and included in the review is not mentioned.

**Response:** We have added the number of studies identified and included in the Results section. The revised section now specifies the total number of studies reviewed and their distribution across different categories of interventions.

These revisions address your concerns and enhance the manuscript's clarity and accuracy. Thank you again for your valuable feedback. We look forward to your further review.

Best regards,

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