

### Review Form 3

Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Advances in Nephrology Research</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJANR_129490
Title of the Manuscript:	Effectiveness of probiotics (Procite®) supplementation on uremic toxins among stage 3-5 non-dialysis chronic kidney disease patients: A real-world retrospective analysis
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	This study offers valuable insights into the potential role of probiotics in chronic kidney disease (CKD) management. It addressed a critical gap in CKD care by exploring gut microbiota modulation as a non-invasive therapeutic approach. It highlights how probiotics like Procite® may help reduce uremic toxins, with findings showing stable creatinine levels and a significant drop in blood urea. Furthermore, the real-world retrospective design enhances the practical relevance of its findings, particularly in the context of CKD care in resource-constrained settings. This work could serve as a foundation for larger, multicentric trials to confirm the therapeutic potential of probiotics in CKD management.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The title is generally informative & suitable. However, it may be refined into "Effectiveness of Procite® Probiotic Supplementation on Uremic Toxins in Non-Dialysis CKD Patients: A Retrospective Analysis."	
<b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b>	Please include the key parameters measured (outcome measures) in the study	
<b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b>	The manuscript is scientifically correct	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	The manuscript includes a substantial number of references that are relevant and recent, Several references are from the last 5–10 years, reflecting recent developments	

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<p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>Yes, appropriate scientific terms are used, which is suitable for the target audience.</p>	
<p><b><u>Optional/General</u> comments</b></p>	<p>The study addresses a timely and relevant topic by exploring probiotics as an adjuvant therapy for CKD, providing insights into reducing uremic toxins in a real-world setting. The retrospective design is appropriate, but the small sample size (n=51) and short duration (3 months) limit the generalizability. Future studies should include larger, multicenter cohorts and longer follow-ups.  <b>Kindly provide details about the dosage administered to the study participants.</b></p> <p>There do not appear to be any significant ethical issues in the manuscript. Suggest to add explicit statement about data anonymization and adherence to ethical standards to enhance transparency and credibility.          Unable to detect any plagiarism</p>	

**PART 2:**

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<p><b><u>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u></b></p>	

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