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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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## **PART 1:** Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed
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Compulsory REVISION comments	<ul> <li>Please explain why only few genes (and how they were selected) (line 144The genes involved in pH and bile salt tolerances that were screened are shown in Table 1.) potentially involved in pH and bile salt tolerance were investigated. HSP (even sHsp), CtsR, FtsHare all stress responsive genes even involved in bile salt tolerance. Furthermore, it not clear why only the Histidine decarboxylase gene (ref. 19) was analysed. The hdc gene is involved in histamine productionother BA producing genes could be used as well as BA production (not only histamine) is associated to pH tolerance. The CpL gene as well, is only a piece of the Clp genes in LAB involved in stress tolerance.</li> <li>Table 7 and 16S LAB identification. Please, consider that the differences in 16S within the L. plantarum group are really few. To distinguish between L. plantarum and L. paraplantarum a recA analysis should be performed. Otherwise the strains are suppose to be putative species identification.</li> </ul>	
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	Paper is, in general, well written (apart some physiological mistakes/grammatical errors). Experimental parts competently done, although authors should specify some choice.	

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