

On behalf of Organizing committee and the entire team of GISICON, it gives us great pleasure to present you abstracts that have been accepted for presentation during GISICON 2021, 8th biennial conference of Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India, being held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic.

The aim of this issue is to showcase the research being carried out by the medical students, research scholars and physician in the field of infections in gastroenterology and hepatology. We are grateful to the participants for the excellent research which was submitted from across the globe. The following five abstracts were selected for oral presentation for the Dr BR Thapa award.

Topic	Presenting Author
Synbiotic (Lactobacillus pentosus GSSK2 + isomalto-oligosaccharides) Supplementation Ameliorates Gut Dysbiosis together with Lipid and Glucose Metabolism Genes in High Fat Diet-Induced Metabolic Syndrome: An Experimental Study	Sakshi Khanna, Chandigarh
Gut Microbiota, Functional Metabolism and Network Analysis in Decompensated Cirrhosis Patients with and without Infections	Jinsha K P Abduljaleel, Kochi
Preliminary work on the Gut Microbiota of Parkinson's Disease from coastal Karnataka, India	S Pavan, Manipal
Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis: Efficacy of Vancomycin Taper and Pulse Regimens in Clostridioides difficile Infection	Kanika Sehgal, Rochester
Comparison of Short Course versus Conventional Antimicrobial Duration in Complicated Intra-abdominal Infections – A Randomized Controlled Trial	Balakrishnan Gurushankari, Puducherry

We hope at least some of the abstracts are sent to the Journal of Gastrointestinal Infection for peer review and possible publication as original article.

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