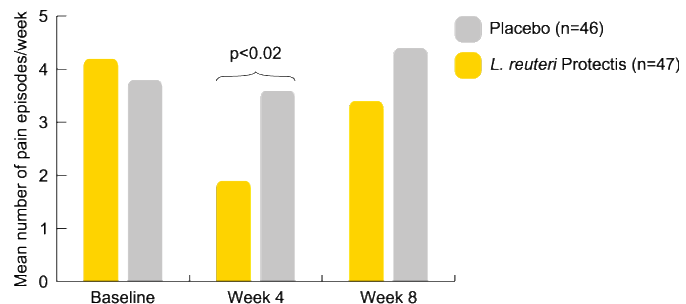


BioGaia's probiotic effective in treating abdominal pain in children

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 93 children diagnosed with functional abdominal pain showed that *L. reuteri* Protectis reduced both frequency and severity of pain compared to placebo.

“According to the results, physicians facing the common and challenging problem of functional abdominal pain in children might suggest the use of *L. reuteri* Protectis, as an accessible way to relieve pain intensity and reduce its frequency“, says Professor Zvi Weizman from the Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Unit, Soroka University Medical Center, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

After four weeks of intervention the number of pain episodes were almost halved among the children supplemented with one chewable tablet per day of *L. reuteri* Protectis compared to the placebo group. The severity of pain was also significantly reduced in the probiotic group compared to placebo and this effect persisted during the follow-up period.



“Stomach pain is common among children and often affects the child’s daily life through for example anxiety and school absenteeism. It is therefore very gratifying that this study, which confirms earlier results with *L. reuteri* Protectis, shows that BioGaia ProTectis could offer these children an effective, safe and easy option”, says Axel Sjöblad, Managing Director, BioGaia.

The study was published online in [the Journal of Pediatrics](#) 4 May 2016. [Study facts](#) and an [interview](#) with the principal investigator, Professor Zvi Weizman are found through the attached links.

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