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To Whom It May Concern,

We submit our revised manuscript entitled 'Manipulation of the intestinal microbiome- a slow journey to primetime' for your consideration. We are grateful for the comments from both of the reviewers, and we have implemented their suggestions.

In particular, we have added information about the lab preparation for washed microbiota transplantation and colonic transendoscopic enteral tubing, and we have referred to the recent review (Encyclopedia of fecal microbiota transplantation: a review of effectiveness in the treatment of 85 diseases. Chin Med J. 2022) as per the suggestions from Reviewer 1.

We have also summarised some of the evidence base for FMT and in particular the factors that influence donor microbiome engraftment as a table as per the suggestion of Reviewer 2 and we highlight that the review is targeted towards clinicians.

Yours faithfully,



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