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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled “Retrospective study of the incidence, risk factors, treatment outcomes of bacterial infections at uncommon sites in cirrhotic patients.” identifies and reports typical and atypical bacterial infection in 488 cirrhosis patients. The below lists several suggestions that the authors may need to consider.

1. In Materials and methods section, how were Gram staining experiments performed? How were the bacterial taxa determined at species level?
2. Table 3 was not mentioned in the main text. Maybe the table number was wrongly mentioned. It’s better to emphasize the bacterial taxa associated with atypical infection, which will be interesting to readers. And, are the identified bacterial taxa affected by (associated with) antibiotics used during treatment?
3. Is there any mechanism that can be proposed to explain bacterial taxa associated with typical and atypical bacterial infections?