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Dear Dr. Qiu,

Thank you for your interest in our manuscript entitled "The Implication of the Intestinal Microbiome in Complications of Cirrhosis". We have addressed the reviewers' comments point-by-point in our letter of response below, and hope that these adequately address their comments.

1) Reviewer's code: 02860848

There were no suggestions for revisions.

2) Reviewer's code: 02860745

There were no suggestions for revisions.

3) Reviewer's code: 02860761

You can add more details on therapeutic effect on cirrhotic complication either spontaneous bacterial peritonitis, hepatorenal syndrome and evolution of encephalopathy stages.

We thank the reviewer for this comment. We searched Pubmed to verify whether there was any characterization of the intestinal microbiome in spontaneous bacterial peritonitis, hepatorenal syndrome and evolution of encephalopathy stages, and were unfortunately unable to find any such references.

4) Reviewer's code: 02833138

Comments To Authors

1. Improvement of Figure 1 in terms of a more professional and detailed outline.

We have modified Figure 1 in order to make it appear more professional for publication.

2. Summary of facts in tables or boxes (treatments, list of bacteriae in relation to specific complications)

We have summarized this in Table 1, and have added additional rows to elucidate the IM in hepatorenal syndrome and the effects of healthy fecal microbiota transfer.

3. A detailed Figure describing the pathophysiology of bacterial translocation etc.

We have added a figure within Figure 1 to elucidate the pathophysiology of bacterial translocation, and its contribution to complications of cirrhosis.

Thank you once again for your interest in our manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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