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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors

Thank you very much for submitting the paper. When running the multivariate analysis for the factors associated with decompensation, did you adjust for confounding factors? Also, it might be worth correcting the analysis for antibiotic treatment (both rifaximin and other antibiotics which may have had an impact on dysbiosis).