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Dear Editor,

My colleagues and I excited to resubmit for your consideration our manuscript, **“A Goldilocks Principle for the Gut Microbiome: Taxonomic Resolution Matters for Microbiome-Based Classification of Colorectal Cancer”**. This manuscript is submitted as an Observation formatted paper. We were grateful for the positive review we received and can’t wait to see this manuscript published in *mBio*.

We look forward to receiving your feedback as well as that of the reviewers to help improve this manuscript. We have deposited this manuscript as a preprint in biorxiv.

Sincerely,



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