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Dear Editor,

We resubmit for your review: “***Clostridium difficile alters the structure and metabolism of distinct cecal microbiomes during initial infection to promote sustained colonization***” by Matthew Jenior and our colleagues. We appreciated the generally favorable reviews we received from our last round of reviews (mSphere00261-18) and hope that the manuscript is now ready for publication. Because this study integrates microbial ecology, classical pathogenesis, and novel computational techniques to understand the interaction of a clinically relevant pathogen with perturbed microbial communities, we feel that this work is firmly within the scope of *mSphere*.

Thank you very much for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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