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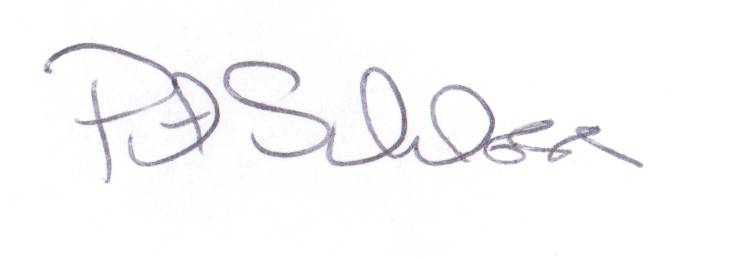


Dear Dr. Imperiale,

I am happy to resubmit my manuscript, **Rarefaction is currently the best approach to control for uneven sequencing effort in amplicon sequence analyses**, for your consideration at *mSphere*. Although the first round of review took some time to complete, the suggestions were helpful and have made a meaningful impact on the paper. I believe it is significantly improved and hopefully can be accepted quickly.

This manuscript has been posted to bioRxiv as a preprint (DOI: 10.1101/2023.06.23.546313).

Sincerely,



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