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Subject: Your Research Article Submission to PLOS Medicine PMEDICINE-D-19-01587

Dear Prof. Alm,

Thank you very much for submitting your Research Article manuscript entitled "Framework for rational donor selection in fecal microbiota transplant clinical trials" (PMEDICINE-D-19-01587). We are grateful that you have considered PLOS Medicine for publication of your work.

Your submission has been read and discussed among the editors. As with all manuscripts submitted to the journal, it was considered in light of other papers that we receive, and our aims for the journal.

PLOS Medicine seeks to publish research of wide general interest that provides new insight into disease pathogenesis with clear implications for the clinical research agenda, or which would lead to a substantial advance in clinical practice or public health policy. Within these criteria, we prioritize research on conditions that contribute to a substantial proportion of the global burden of disease.

Having had the opportunity to evaluate your manuscript, I regret to say that we do not think it would be well suited to PLOS Medicine given our editorial criteria for the journal. While we recognize that these findings are likely to be of interest to specialists in this area, without more robust implications for clinical approaches or health policy we do not think that they would be of the wide general interest that we are seeking for PLOS Medicine's general audience.

I am sorry that I cannot be more positive on this occasion. I hope you will understand the reasons for this decision, and will consider PLOS Medicine for other submissions in the future.

We appreciate the opportunity to consider your work.

Best wishes,

Christna Chap, Ph.D.
Senior Editor
PLOS Medicine

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