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ATTN: The Editors of The ISME Journal

Dear Editors,

Please consider our revised manuscript “A phylogenetic model for the recruitment of species into microbial communities and application to studies of the human microbiome” for publication in *The ISME Journal*. The comments we received from reviewers were very positive, and the issues they raised were helpful in improving our manuscript. Using their advice, we have thoroughly revised our manuscript, especially with regard to the language we use to describe empirical patterns in data under consideration by our model. Please see our attached responses document which details the changes we have made.

Thank you.



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