

Reviewer Report

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Reviewer Comments to Author:

Still think that a quick read for English would be useful for this manuscript though the writing has improved. Examples of writing that needs correcting are as follows: Lines 34-35 in the abstract: "the vaginal microbiota plays important roles ... " should be "role"; Line 91 "(the stringent selection rules ..." should be "(for the stringent selection rules ..."The clustering process is still not described. Did the authors use hierarchical clustering, kmeans clustering What was the cutoff used to identify the clusters? Based on this and on figure Sup Fig 2 I don't believe that they achieved individual sub-cluster representation.Line 92 Supplementary Figure 2 does not provide details of the stringent selection rules.Line 136 The authors should provide the reference to the "previous" study when they mention it.

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