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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. How many HBV-DNA copies have the patients in the different CTP-grading groups? Is there a correlation between viral load and microbiota community/functions?
2. Is there a difference in microbiota community and functions between HBV-treated patients/non-treated patients and resolver?
3. Is the control cohort also Anti-HBc negative or only HBV-DNA negative?

Minor Essential revisions:
1. Some spelling mistakes, for example "negtive" in Table 1, or "possessed" in DISCUSSION.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.