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Enclosed please find the revised re-submitted manuscript entitled “Derivation and validation of a simple clinical bedside score (ATLAS) for Clostridium difficile infection which predicts response to therapy” for consideration of publication in BMC Infectious Disease.

This revision, as requested, now includes clear statements on the ethically-allowed access to the study data for this analysis. These statements are on lines 57 – 61 of the manuscript.

We would like to thank you once again for your kind consideration of this manuscript for publication in BMC Infectious Disease. This analysis takes advantage of one of the world’s largest database of CDI patients to create a simple bedside scoring system which can be used to predict response to CDI therapy. We hope that the ATLAS score could become an invaluable tool for stratifying CDI patients in order to choose various CDI therapies, for prognosticating treatment success, and for categorizing patients who enter CDI therapeutic research trials.

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