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Dear Dr. Comstock,

Please find attached a revised version of manuscript JB00140-23 entitled “Ribosome heterogeneity results in leader sequence-mediated regulation of protein synthesis in *Francisella tularensis*.” We would like to thank you for your guidance and we appreciated the reviewers positive comments and helpful suggestions. We have revised how we present our findings, a significant re-ordering of the manuscript, and have included a detailed point-by-point response to each of the reviewers’ concerns. We found all these points to be constructive and helpful; we very much appreciate the reviewers’ time and consideration of our manuscript. In making these changes, we believe that the manuscript is significantly improved.

Thank you very much for handling our manuscript. We greatly appreciate the time and attention you have devoted to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'KR' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Kathryn Ramsey