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Dear Dr. Casadevall,

My colleagues and I are happy to resubmit our manuscript, “**Women are underrepresented and receive differential outcomes at ASM journals: A six-year retrospective analysis”**, to *mBio*. We appreciated the feedback from the Editor and reviewers that indicated that, “in principle, we expect to accept it for publication in mBio”. We are confident that this manuscript has been improved by the comments from the reviewers.

We look forward to any further feedback that you, your editors, and reviewers provide that will push this manuscript towards publication.

Sincerely,



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