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Dear Editor,

Please find our uploaded manuscript, “XXX,” which we are re-submitting for publication as a Research Article. The initial submission of this manuscript was assigned the tracking number XXX.

We thank the Reviewers for their enthusiastic evaluation of the work and their insightful, critical feedback. In particular, the Reviewers provided comments as to how to frame our work in the context of previous results and we have addressed all of these suggestions in the revised work. All such major changes are noted in the Response to Reviewers document, which includes selective quoting of the relevant passages.

We have also made a number minor changes, as suggested by Reviewers or to follow Nature Article formatting standards, including:

* Changed title for clarity to YYY
* Removed claims of priority
* Trimmed referencing back to 50 citations
* Shortened word count to ZZZZ.
* Corrected minor typos and errors in grammar.
* What is current Introduction paragraph count?

In total, we have addressed all of the remaining issues and believe, as the Reviewers point out, that our work will be of significant interest to the broad readership of Nature Microbiology. We therefore look forward to hearing any additional feedback you might have.

Regards,

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David Savage