Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed a modified version of my Journalism column manuscript “Biofilm Formation and the Effect on Bacterial Cells”. To address the concerns and comments raised by the 3 reviewers, I made the following changes to improve and clarify the manuscript. It is my hope that these changes make the manuscript acceptable for publication in Microreviews in Cell and Molecular Biology.

Sincerely,

Lexie Liebman

**Reviewer 1:**

1. Briefly state if you found the comments of Reviewer 1 helpful or not.

I found Reviewer 1’s comments to be helpful because it affirmed that the article I wrote was good.

2. What changes did you make to your manuscript as a result of the comments of Reviewer 1?

Reviewer 1 reminded me to make the paper about a page long to meet the page limit which I ensured I hit in the final draft.

**Reviewer 2:**

1. Briefly state if you found the comments of Reviewer 2 helpful or not.

 I found Reviewer 2’s comments to be helpful because they helped with the clarity of my manuscript.

2. What changes did you make to your manuscript as a result of the comments of Reviewer 2?

 Reviewer 2 said that I should add in more introductory information about the bacteria itself to increase clarity in the manuscript so I described the bacteria and its relevancy with more details.

**Reviewer 3:**

1. Briefly state if you found the comments of Reviewer 3 helpful or not.

 I found Reviewer 3’s comments to be helpful because they suggested adding in a personal statement and other information to supplement the description of the research.

2. What changes did you make to your manuscript as a result of the comments of Reviewer 3?

 Reviewer 3 suggested adding in a personal quote from Cabeen so I added one in to my manuscript to tie it together.