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Hi, Dr. McCluskey!

Enclosed are the  $\Delta fadA$  strains, RJY918.5 and RJY918.10. I have confirmed the presence of the  $\Delta fadA$  allele in these strains with Southern blotting using three different enzymes. The genotypes of these strains are as follows:

RJY918.5: *biA1*; *methG1*;  $\Delta fadA::argB$ , *veA1*

RJY918.10: *yA2*;  $\Delta fadA::argB$ , *veA1* (prototroph) **A1056**

I have not determined whether there is an *argB2* allele in the background of these strains. Once again, I apologize for the earlier confusion with these strains. Please let me know if I can, in any way, be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Hicks".

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