# **Supplementary Information for:**

# **The structure of a hibernating ribosome in a Lyme disease pathogen**

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## **Supplementary Note 1. Finding the bS22 ribosomal protein in** *Borrelia (Borreliella) burgdorferi* **(***Bbu***).**

A small helical density in our *Bbu* 70S ribosome cryo-EM map corresponded to the bS22 protein seen in mycobacterial<sup>1-4</sup> and Bacteroidetes<sup>5</sup> ribosomal small subunit structures, indicating that the bS22 protein is also present in *Bbu*. Since this protein is not annotated in the *Bbu* genome, the mycobacterial bS22 sequence from *Mycobacterium smegmatis* (*Msm*): MGSVIKKRRKRMSKKKHRKLLRRTRVQRRKLGK; was used as a query sequence for a tblastn<sup>6</sup> search of the *Bbu* genome with a word size of 2 and no low complexity filter. This yielded hits for a smaller fragment of the query sequence but no plausible *Bbu* bS22 protein with a size near 30 amino acid (aa) residues upon translation of the genomic hits in 6 frames. The same search was then attempted with the Bacteroidetes bS22 sequence from *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* (*Fjo*): MPSGKKRKRHKVATHKRKKRARANRHKKKK. This search yielded one hit, which when translated in the 6 frames, yielded the plausible bS22 sequence: VPCGRKRKLKKISTHKRKKKRRKNRHKKKNK-, with an appropriately placed stop codon "-". The first valine residue is likely translated as a methionine residue since substitution for Met (AUG) instead of Val (GUG) can occur due to the anticodon for fMet-tRNA (CAU) pairing well enough with GUG on the mRNA through wobble pairing between G and U. Such usage of GUG as a start codon in bacteria is known to occur at an average of  $12\%^{7,8}$ . This sequence fits well into the bS22 sidechain cryo-EM densities, allowing it to be identified as the correct *Bbu* bS22 sequence.

A ClustalW 2.1<sup>9</sup> pair-wise sequence alignment between *Bbu* and *Fjo* bS22 sequences shows a 65% sequence identity, which explains why the *Fjo* query sequence tblastn search was successful:



A ClustalW 2.1<sup>9</sup> multiple sequence alignment between *Bbu*, *Fjo*, and *Msm* bS22 sequences shows that identity of residues between the three sequences drops to 19%, which explains why the *Msm* query sequence tblastn search was unsuccessful:



The genomic sequence identified for the *Bbu* B31 bS22 protein (Genbank ID: AE000783.1, nucleotides 867605-867697, *bb0822*) is:

### **Supplementary Note 2. Alignments of proteins that sequester Anti-Shine Dalgarno (ASD) sequence.**

## bS6, Identity: 23/141 (16.3%), Similarity: 50/141 (35.5%)



*Fjo* -------

#### bS18, Identity: 42/102 (41.2%), Similarity: 64/102 (62.7%)



#### bS21, Identity: 19/70 (27.1%), Similarity: 36/70 (51.4%)



#### 16S RNA 3'-end

*Bbu* UCGUAACAAGGUAGCCGUACUGGAAAGUGCGGCUGGAUCACCUCCUUU--

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*Fjo* UCGUAACAAGGUAGCCGUACCGGAAGGUGCGGCUGGAACACCUCCUUUCU \* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**\_\_\_** Core ASD sequence

## **Supplementary Note 3. Comparison of** *Msm* **bL37 to the** *Bbu* **uL30 N-terminal extension.**

The *Msm* bL37 and *Bbu* uL30 N-terminal extension sequences align with a sequence identity of 21% :

*Msm* bL37 MAKRGRKKRDRKHSKANHGKRPNA *Bbu* uL30 MIKRKLRLQLKKARFNASRSRSKN  $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$ 

The *Bbu* uL30 protein gene is in operon 171 with 24 other ribosomal proteins as well as other proteins. *Bbu* does not have a known bL37 protein sequence. The *Msm* uL30 protein gene is in operon 745 with 9 other ribosomal proteins and spans the nucleotides 1,565,535-1,565,720. The *Msm* bL37 protein gene is not in an operon with other genes and spans the nucleotides 1,998,031-1,998,105 of the *Msm* genome (Genbank ID: CP009494.1). It is not near the *Msm* uL30 protein gene and its neighboring protein genes in the genome are an anti-sigma factor (CDS: AIU07137.1) and an acetyl-CoA carboxylase (CDS: AIU07138.1).

## **Supplementary Note 4. Finding the bL38 ribosomal protein in** *Bbu***.**

A density in our *Bbu* 70S ribosome and 50S subunit cryo-EM maps was similar to the bL38 protein previously discovered in the Bacteroidetes<sup>5</sup> ribosomal large subunit, indicating that the bL38 protein is present in *Bbu*. There is no annotated bL38 protein sequence in the *Bbu* genome, so we first attempted to use the Bacteroidetes bL38 sequence from *Flavobacterium johnsoniae* (*Fjo*):

MGSVIKKRRKRMSKKKHRKLLRRTRVQRRKLGK as a query sequence for a tblastn<sup>6</sup> search of the *Bbu* genome with a word size of 2 and no low complexity filter. This did not yield any plausible hits with a size near 50 aa residues upon translation of the genomic hits in 6 frames. We then performed mass spectrometric analysis of the proteins in our purified ribosomes. We identified all ribosomal proteins, including those missing in the cryo-EM densities, such as uS1 and uS2. We also identified the *Bbu* HPF protein and an uncharacterized protein in the 6 kDa range that was a promising candidate for bL38. An examination of the predicted Alphafold structure of this protein sequence showed a structure very similar to the  $C$ - $\alpha$  atom structure previously modeled manually into the cryo-EM density. The sidechains in the sequence matched the cryo-EM sidechain densities, thus confirming this to be the bL38 protein sequence.

A possible sequence alignment between *Bbu* and *Fjo* bL38 sequences shows only a 16.4% sequence identity, which explains why the *Fjo* query sequence tblastn search was unsuccessful:



The *Bbu* B31 bL38 protein is the previously uncharacterized gene *bb0162* (Uniprot ID: O51184).

#### **Supplementary Table 1. The resolved 58 components of the** *Bbu* **70S ribosome and 50S subunit.**





\*Accession IDs are Genbank for RNA and Uniprot for proteins (except for the unannotated 30S ribosomal protein bS22). 30S ribosomal proteins uS1 and uS2 are present but uS1 is not resolved and uS2 is only partially resolved at very low threshold and therefore is not modeled.



**Supplementary Table 2. Details of bacterial HPF structures with resolutions better than 3.5 Å that were used for sequence and structural comparisons.**

Res. – Resolution, Ref. – Reference number, np – no associated publication, Species (R, HPF) refers to the species name abbreviation for ribosome (R) and HPF. Species name abbreviations are as follows: *Vch – Vibrio cholerae*, *Tth* – *Thermus thermophilus*, *Eco – Escherichia coli*, *Sau – Staphylococcus aureus*, *Cbu – Coxiella burnetii*, *Aba – Acinetabacter baumannii, Msm – Mycobacterium smegmatis*.

**Supplementary Table 3. Structure-based pair-wise sequence alignment with bbHPF structure for known bacterial HPF structures.**



Sequences aligned using structural alignment tool within UCSF Chimera. *Bbu – Borreliella burgdorferi* (O51405), *Sau - Staphylococcus aureus* (D2Z097), *Tth – Thermus thermophilus*  (Q5SIS0), *Eco1 – Escherichia coli* YfiA (P0AD49), *Eco2 – Escherichia coli* HPF (P0AFX0), *Cbu – Coxiella burnetii* (Q83DI6), *Vch – Vibrio cholerae* (H9L4L9), *Msm – Mycobacterium smegmatis* (A0QTK6), *Aba – Acinetabacter baumannii* (V5V8V8)*.* Uniprot IDs for proteins are in parentheses after species name. *Bbu* HPF (bbHPF) numbered secondary structure elements shown on top as  $\alpha$ -helix (a) or  $\beta$ -strand (b). Bacterial HPF sequences are truncated within four residues of the bbHPF sequence. This table is distinct from Table 1 in the main manuscript in showing only residues that are resolved in the 3D structures of the HPFs in the alignment.



**Supplementary Table 4. Predicted bS22 sequences in other** *Borrelia* **species.**

All sequences identified through a tblastn<sup>6</sup> search using the *Bbu* bS22 sequence.



**Supplementary Table 5.** Bacterial 50S assembly intermediate structures compared to the *Bbu* 50S subunit structure.

*Bsu* – *Bacillus subtilis*, *Eco* – *Escherichia coli*.

**Supplementary Table 6. Structures of bacterial ribosomes with antibiotics that were used to help generate** *Bbu* **70S ribosome antibiotic bound models by structural analogy.**



Res. – Resolution, Ref. – Reference number, u - Unpublished structure, Species refers to the species name abbreviation for ribosome that are as follows: *Eco – Escherichia coli*, *Tth* – *Thermus thermophilus*, *Sau – Staphylococcus aureus*, *Hma – Haloarcula marismortui*, *Dra – Deinococcus radiodurans.*

**Supplementary Table 7.** Long-gradient LC-MS/MS analysis of proteins in the *Bbu* 70S ribosome.



Pip – Protein identification probability determined by Scaffold5.



**Supplementary Table 8.** Alphafold predicted Local Distance Difference Test (pLDDT) score statistics for starting models for proteins included in the reported structures.

Max. – maximum pLDDT score of any residue in protein, Min. – minimum pLDDT score of any residue in protein. pLDDT scores range between  $0 - 100$ , with 100 indicating the highest confidence.



**Supplementary Table 9.** Details of RNA structure overlays for antibiotic-bound structures reported.

All overlays done using Matchmaker in ChimeraX<sup>45</sup>, ERY – erythromycin, HGR – hygromycin A, TAC – Tetracycline.



**Supplementary Table 10.** Details of RNA structure overlays for HPF-bound structures.

All overlays done using Matchmaker in ChimeraX<sup>45</sup>.



**Supplementary Figure 1. Protein components of the hibernating** *Bbu* **70S ribosome and their labeled models fit in the cryo-EM density.**



**Supplementary Figure 2. 23S RNA and 5S RNA secondary structure in the** *Bbu* **70S ribosome.**



**Supplementary Figure 3. 16S RNA secondary structure in the** *Bbu* **70S ribosome.**



**Supplementary Figure 4. Variability in relative orientation of HPF protein and E-tRNA bound to 70S ribosomes. (A)** *Bbu* (this study); **(B)** *Msm* (PDB ID: 5ZEP); **(C)** *Eco* (PDB ID: 6H4N); **(D)** *Eco* (PDB ID: 6Y69); **(E)** Overlay of (A) and (B); **(F)** Overlay of (A) and (C); **(G)** Overlay of (B) and (C); **(H)** Overlay of (A)-(D). Background transparent structure is the *Bbu* 70S ribosome.



**Supplementary Figure 5. Adjustment in positioning for both HPF and E-tRNA within their binding sites reduces their overall variability with respect to the 70S ribosome. (A)** *Bbu* (this study); **(B)** *Msm* (PDB ID: 5ZEP); **(C)** *Eco* (PDB ID: 6H4N); **(D)** *Eco* (PDB ID: 6Y69); **(E)** Overlay of (A) and (B); **(F)** Overlay of (A) and (C); **(G)** Overlay of (B) and (C); **(H)** Overlay of (A)- (D). All structures overlaid using the 16S ribosomal RNA.



**Supplementary Figure 6. A binding pocket formed by bS6, bS18 and bS21 implicated in Anti-Shine Dalgarno (ASD) sequence sequestration. (A)** The binding pocket in *Bbu* (this study). **(B)** The binding pocket in Fjo with the sequestered ASD (PDB ID: 7JIL<sup>5</sup>). **(C)** Overlay of the *Bbu* and *Fjo* binding pockets. **(D)** Overlay of experimentally determined *Fjo* bS6 structure (green) and full-length *Bbu* bS6 Alphafold-predicted structure (yellow) showing likely presence of ASD interacting helix in *Bbu*. For *Bbu*, the 16S RNA minimal backbone -[O5'-C5'-C4'-C3'-O3'- P]- is shown in orange spheres, bS6 is in yellow, bs18 is in pink, and bS21 is in cyan. For *Fjo*, the 16S RNA minimal backbone is shown in red spheres, bS6 is in green, bs18 is in purple, and bS21 is in blue.



**Supplementary Figure 7. Long uL30 proteins identified in other bacterial species.** *Msm* ul30 and bL37 sequences are shown on top and the *Bbu* uL30 sequence is shown second for reference.







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#### **Supplementary Figure 8. Two types of longer uL30 proteins in** *Borreliella* **species. (A)**

Alphafold structure predictions for longer *Borreliella* species uL30 proteins, *Bbu* uL30 is shown in dark red; **(B)** Alphafold structure predictions for three shorter *Borreliella* species uL30 proteins; **(C)** Sequence alignment of *Borreliella* species uL30 proteins shown in A and B with *Msm* uL30 and bL37 also aligned for reference. Colors are consistent between models shown in **A** and **B** and sequences shown in **C** except the longer uL30 models shown in khaki color in **A** are shown in black text for their sequence in **C**.



**Supplementary Figure 9. The proximity of** *Bbu* **bL38 (dark green) to representative GTPase domain protein interactions with the sarcin-ricin loop (SRL, red). (A)** View with full ribosome shown in transparent grey; **(B)** Zoomed in view for region near bL38 and the SRL. The GTPase domain proteins shown are tetracycline resistance protein TetM (PDB ID: 3J9Y<sup>46</sup>) in cyan, translation initiation factor IF-2 (PDB ID: 3JCJ<sup>47</sup>) in dark turquoise, elongation factor Tu 2 (PDB ID: 5AFI<sup>48</sup>) in cadet blue, elongation factor 4 (PDB ID: 5J8B<sup>49</sup>) in dark cyan, selenocysteine-specific elongation factor (PDB ID: 5LZD<sup>50</sup>) in pale turquoise, GTPase ObgE/CgtA (PDB ID: 7BL4<sup>51</sup>) in light steel blue, peptide chain release factor 1 and peptide chain release factor 3 (PDB ID: 7M5D) in steel blue, elongation factor G (PDB ID: 7N2V<sup>52</sup>) in dodger blue, and GTPase Hflx (PDB ID: 7YLA) in blue. All color descriptors are from ChimeraX<sup>45</sup> and all overlays are done using the Matchmaker module in ChimeraX<sup>45</sup> for the 23S RNA.



**Supplementary Figure 10. The image processing and 3D classification flowchart of cryo-EM particles for the** *Bbu* **ribosome.** From the final set of 288,776 particles, the classes with 101,390 particles and 85,825 particles did not show any appreciable difference with each other or for subclasses generated from them. The PDB IDs and EMD IDs for the two volumes and corresponding models deposited are shown. All densities are shown at a common threshold value of 0.18. The model-map FSC plot (black dots), the FSC plots with varied masking (colored lines), and the distribution of image projection orientations are shown in proximity to the respective deposited maps. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 11. Large subunit 50S structure for** *Bbu* **showing that its distinct ribosomal protein components are present in the isolated large subunit and are not specific to the 70S assembly. (A)** The *Bbu* 50S density at 3.4 Å resolution in transparent khaki with its fitted model in opaque orange-red for RNA and in opaque blue for proteins; **(B)** The *Bbu* 50S model in transparent depiction except for uL30 and bL38 proteins shown in opaque blue; **(C)** The *Bbu* 50S density in transparent khaki with uL30 and bL38 proteins shown in opaque blue; **(D)** The model and excised 50S density for uL30; **(E)** The model and excised 50S density for bL38.



**Supplementary Figure 12. Disordering of 23S rRNA helices H68 and H69 in the** *Bbu* **large subunit 50S density. (A)** The *Bbu* 50S density at 3.4 Å resolution in transparent khaki shown at a threshold of 0.15 alone (left) and with the fitted 70S structure 23S rRNA model with backbone atoms shown in red spheres (right) indicating disorder in specific 23S rRNA regions; **(B)** The specific 70S model *Bbu* 23S rRNA regions shown in red ribbons (left) and with the modeled backbone atoms in the 50S 23S rRNA structure overlaid as yellow spheres (right). The helical regions not obscured by the yellow spheres are mostly disordered in the *Bbu* 50S density, suggesting displacement or internal conformation change in 23S RNA helices H68 and H69.



**Supplementary Figure 13. Comparison of 23S RNA helix 68 (H68) and helix 69 (H69) in 70S and 50S in (A)** *Bbu* **and (B)** *Staphylococcus aureus* **(***Sau***).** In panel B, the overlaid *Sau* structures for its 50S and 70S assemblies are shown for 3 durations of incubation at 37°C (in the format: PDB ID for 50S, PDB ID for 70S) as follows: 0 min (6HMA<sup>53</sup>, 5TCU<sup>54</sup>), 30 min  $(7ASM<sup>53</sup>, 7ASO<sup>53</sup>), 50$  min  $(7ASN<sup>53</sup>, 7ASP<sup>53</sup>).$  H68 and H69 in the 50S and 70S structures are shown in yellow and red, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 14. Comparison of** *Bbu* **50S subunit structure with 50S assembly intermediate structures from** *Bacillus subtilis* **(***Bsu***, in blue, B-D)<sup>27</sup> and** *Eco* **(in teal, E-T)<sup>28</sup> . (A)** *Bbu* 50S subunit; Overlays of the *Bbu* 50S subunit with **(B)** 44.5S YsxC class I; **(C)** 44.5S YsxC class II; **(D)** 45S YphC; **(E)** Class B; **(F)** Class C; **(G)** Class C1; **(H)** Class C2; **(I)** Class C3; **(J)** Class D; **(K)** Class D1; **(L)** Class D2; **(M)** Class D3; **(N)** Class D4; **(O)** Class E; **(P)** Class E1; **(Q)** Class E2; **(R)** Class E3; **(S)** Class E4; **(T)** Class E5. Also see Supplementary Table 5.



**Supplementary Figure 15. Antibiotic binding to the** *Bbu* **70S ribosome predicted using docking and structural analogy. (A)** Doxycycline docked in the *Bbu* 70S ribosome (top), zoomed in view of docked doxycycline (middle), zoomed in view of tetracycline obtained by structural analogy (bottom, PDB ID: 5J5B<sup>29</sup>); **(B)** Erythromycin docked in the *Bbu* 70S ribosome (top), zoomed in view of docked erythromycin (middle), zoomed in view of erythromycin obtained by structural analogy (bottom, PDB ID: 6S0Z<sup>12</sup>); **(C)** Hygromycin A docked in the *Bbu* 70S ribosome (top), zoomed in view of docked hygromycin A (middle), zoomed in view of hygromycin A obtained by structural analogy (bottom, PDB ID: 5DM7<sup>44</sup>). Docking performed using Quickvina<sup>55</sup> with a box centered around the expected binding site, exhaustiveness parameter set to 32 and number of modes set to 100. Predicted Autodock Vina<sup>56</sup> binding free energies for the *Bbu* 70S ribosome docked positions of the antibiotics shown are as follows: doxycycline -5.4 kcal/mol, erythromycin -6.2 kcal/mol, hygromycin A -7.3 kcal/mol.



**Supplementary Figure 16. Multiplicity in antibiotic binding conformations predicted using structural analogy. (A)** Tetracycline in the small subunit decoding center; **(B)** Erythromycin near the peptidyl transferase center (PTC); **(C)** Hygromycin A near the PTC. The antibiotic structures are shown within the *Bbu* 70S ribosome. Structural analogy is obtained by a coarse alignment of the structures with ribosomal subunit RNA and then a finer alignment with neighboring residues within 10 Å of predicted bound antibiotic. Details for structures used in these overlays are in Table S4.



**Supplementary Figure 17. Comparison of hygromycin A (HGR) binding pocket in** *Bbu* **and**  *Tth* **ribosomes with and without bound HGR suggests that the empty** *Bbu* **HGR pocket may be more open for HGR accommodation. (A)** Predicted HGR (green spheres) structure bound in the *Bbu* 50S subunit (left) with its distance from distinct proteins (blue ribbons) indicated (right); **(B)** HGR structure with transparent green spheres overlaid on its atoms (top) and its chemical structure (bottom); **(C)** HGR pocket 23S ribosomal RNA residues showing substantial variability between *Bbu* (this study), *Tth* (PDB ID: 4Y4O<sup>11</sup>), and *Tth* with HGR bound (PDB ID: 5DOX<sup>43</sup>) structures with changes in *Bbu* seemingly making more space for accommodation of HGR; (D) HGR pocket 23S ribosomal RNA residues showing substantial overlap between *Bbu*, *Tth*, and *Tth* HGR-bound structures. Base carbon atoms in 23S ribosomal RNA shown in cyan for *Bbu*, orange for *Tth*, and pink for *Tth* HGR-bound structures. *Bbu* numbering shown for 23S ribosomal RNA residues with *Tth* numbering in parentheses.

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