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FDAP invited manuscript

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Dear Dr. Nguyen,

Thank you for your editorial comments on our manuscript “Measuring protein stability in living zebrafish embryos using Fluorescence Decay After Photoconversion (FDAP)”. Below we address your comments.

Editorial comments

1. Please take this opportunity to thoroughly proofread the manuscript to ensure that there are no spelling or grammar issues. The JoVE editor will not copy-edit your manuscript and any errors in the submitted revision may be present in the published version.

2. Please ensure that **all text** in the protocol section is written in the imperative tense as if telling someone how to do the technique (e.g., “Do this,” “Ensure that,” etc.). The actions should be described in the imperative tense in complete sentences wherever possible. Avoid usage of phrases such as “could be,” “should be,” and “would be” throughout the Protocol. Any text that cannot be written in the imperative tense may be added as a “Note.” However, notes should be concise and used sparingly.

We have changed several sentences in Section 5 to the imperative mood. We also eliminated “should” and “would” where possible and removed the note at the beginning of Section 5.

For example: Step 5 could be moved to the Representative Results.

Multiple reviewers requested further explanation of control experiments, and reviewer #3 specifically asked for the control experiments to appear in the numbered protocol. We therefore created Section 5 to address these important concerns.

3. The Protocol should contain only action items that direct the reader to do something. Please move the discussion about the protocol to the Discussion.

We have changed several sentences to the imperative mood (see response to point #2 above) and include brief notes to clarify subsequent instructions.

4. The Figure Legends should include a title and a short description of the data presented in the Figure and relevant symbols. The Discussion of the Figures should be placed in the Representative Results. Details of the methodology should not be in the Figure Legends, but rather the Protocol.

We have shortened the figure legends where possible.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Müller