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Dear Dr. Diamond,

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “**Acquisition of a high-precision skilled forelimb reaching task in rats”** for consideration for publication in the *Journal of Visual Experiments*.

**Why JoVE:**

We see JoVE’s multimedia format as an optimal way to describe our method because we experienced a difficulty in sufficiently expressing our behavioral task in solely written manuscripts. We believe that visualization of the task will benefit the readers and scientists who aim to reproduce the task for own research purposes.

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