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To

JayDev Upponi

Science Editor

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Cambridge, MA, 02140

Dear JayDev,

We have now revised the manuscript based on Editor and reviewers comments and suggestions and resubmitted it for review and publication in the Journal of Visualized Experiments.

The changes we have made in the manuscript are indicated in different color for Editor and each reviewer comments. The following changes were made in the revised manuscript.

1. Added additional details on pellet diameter and expansion ratio to address the reviewer comments.
2. Added additional information in introduction section based on reviewer comments.
3. Updated the protocol section based on the reviewer comments.
4. Statistical analysis of the experimental data is included in the revised manuscript.
5. The figures have been updated in the revised manuscript.
6. Updated the results and discussion section based on reviewers comments and suggestions
7. Formatted the references based on the JOVE journal requirements.

Please let us know if you have questions on our revised manuscript submission. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to submit the revised manuscript.

We look forward to receiving the reviewer’s comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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