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Dear Dr. Vineeta Bajaj,

We would like to submit our revised manuscript titled: "**A Method to Define the Effects of Environmental Enrichment on Colon Microbiome Biodiversity in a Mouse Colon Tumor Model**" by Andrew K. Fuller *et al.* for your consideration for publication. Thank you for your editorial comments. The revised manuscript is aligned with comments and revision priorities. We hope you agree that the manuscript is a stronger candidate for publication in JoVE.

We were invited to submit a protocol aimed at microbiota analysis from stool samples. We have written a protocol to describe this method. In the revision, we address the majority of Editorial concerns by clarifying the written document to improve the technical details, discussion and flow.

Thank you for your advice regarding highlights. We have cut some more and we are now below the 2.75 pg. filming threshold.

We hope that if accepted, the article can be in press by the end of December, as my laboratory will be moving at that time, and those who will be filmed will be staying in Utah. This will make film production difficult.

Thanks for your efforts to help us clarify the manuscript, both editorially and by email. Please contact me if there are additional questions.

Yours sincerely,

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