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Dear Mr. Steindel:

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript JoVE58511_R1 entitled "Refinement of routine husbandry procedures for laboratory rats: animal friendly, voluntary cage change learned by clicker training and social observation" which we are submitting for consideration of publication as a video article in JoVE. We greatly appreciate the revision. All comments have been addressed, with corresponding changes made directly to the manuscript where appropriate. Detailed responses to the editorial comments are included on the next page. We further hope that the professional language editing has helped to improve the overall quality of our manuscript.

Best regards,
Nadine Baumgart

Editorial comments:

1. The manuscript is hard to understand in places (see e.g. notes in manuscript); please proofread, ideally by a fluent English speaker.
The manuscript underwent professional proofreading.
2. Some steps of the protocol are still unclear; see notes in manuscript.
All the notes in the manuscript were addressed to make the protocol better understandable.
3. Figure 3/4: Are this intended to show feeding? You mention that you feed rats white chocolate in the protocol, but this doesn't look like that.
The chocolate was added to the top of the syringe. This was just for holding, one can also use forceps. We also added this to the figure legend.