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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to enclose a revised version of our manuscript JoVE58524-R1 “*Combining histochemical staining and image analysis to quantify starch in ovary primordia of sweet cherry during winter dormancy*” (by E. Fadon and J. Rodrigo)

The paper has been revised giving careful consideration to the points raised by the editor.

We describe in detail below the changes made in this new version.

Yours sincerely,

Erica Fadón

**Changes made addressing the comments of the handling editor:**

*1. Please take this opportunity to thoroughly proofread the manuscript to ensure that there are no spelling or grammar issues***.**

The document has been carefully revised.

*2. Please use standard SI unit symbols and prefixes such as µL, mL, L, g, m, etc.*

“ml” has been changed to “mL”.

*3. Please use h, min, s for time units.*

The document has been revised, changing “hours” to “h” in section 1.2.1.

*4. Please revise the text in Protocol to avoid the use of any personal pronouns (e.g., "we", "you", "our" etc.).*

The text in Protocol has been revised, no personal pronouns are used (“our” has been deleted in section 1.3).

*5. Step 1.1, 1.3, 3.1: Please ensure that all text is written in imperative tense***.**

The text has been corrected to imperative tense (sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 3.1)

*6. 1.3.2: Please ensure that all text is written in imperative tense.*

The text has been corrected to imperative tense (section 1.3.2)

*7. 3.3.1-3.3.3: How to measure? Please add more details.*

Sections 3.3.1- 3.3.3 have been explained with more detail

*8. 3.4.2: Please split this step into more sub-steps. Please ensure that all text is written in imperative tense.*

Section 3.4.2 has been split in sub-steps, and the text has been corrected to imperative tense

*9. 3.4.3: Please ensure that all text is written in imperative tense.*

The text has been corrected to imperative tense

*10. For steps that are done using software, a step-wise description of software usage must be included in the step. Please mention what button is clicked on in the software, or which menu items need to be selected to perform the step.*

A step-wise description of software usage has been included, mentioning the menu items need to be selected (sections 3.2, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.2, 3.4.3)

*11. The highlighted protocol steps are over 2.75 page limit.*

The highlighted protocol steps have been adjusted to 2.75 page

Thank you very much for the very constructive review of our manuscript.