**Responses to the editor:**

**Editorial comments:**

**1. The editor has formatted the manuscript to match the journal's style. Please retain the same.**

Our response: Thank you for the Editor's help. We retained the format the same.

**2. Please address all the specific comments marked in the manuscript.**

Our response: Thank you for the Editor's comments. We have addressed all the comments. Our responses to the comments and the revisions have been marked on the revised manuscript (a version with changes tracked has been uploaded with file named 'Xu et al., 2018, JoVE, R2, commented & tracked changes version'). In response to the comments, we have also revised figures 2-4. New figures 2-4 have also been uploaded.

**3. Once formatted, please highlight 2.75 pages or less of the Protocol (including headings and spacing) that identifies the essential steps of the protocol for the video, i.e., the steps that should be visualized to tell the most cohesive story of the Protocol. The highlighted steps should form a cohesive narrative with a logical flow from one highlighted step to the next. Remember that non-highlighted Protocol steps will remain in the manuscript, and therefore will still be available to the reader.**

Our response: Thank you for the Editor's note. We have uploaded a version of our revised manuscript with highlights (file named 'Xu et al., JoVE, R2, Highlighted version') to identifies essential steps of the protocol for the video.

**4. Please obtain explicit copyright permission to reuse any figures from a previous publication. Explicit permission can be expressed in the form of a letter from the editor or a link to the editorial policy that allows re-prints. Please upload this information as a .doc or .docx file to your Editorial Manager account. The Figure must be cited appropriately in the Figure Legend, i.e. “This figure has been modified from [citation].”**

Our response: Thank you for the Editor's note. We have not reused any figures from a previous publication.

**5. Please refer figures in the order of numbering, so figure 1 should be referenced before figure 2.**

Our response: Thank you for the Editor's note. We have referred figures in the order of numbering.