Dear Dr Wu,

We would like to resubmit a revised version of our manuscript entitled “High throughput *in vitro* assessment of HIV latency reversing agents on viral RNA transcription and splicing” for publication in JoVE.

We have addressed all the points raised by the editorial team, and included all requested modifications in the text. A copy of the point-by-point response is added below.

We hope that the manuscript in its current revised form is suitable for publication in JoVE.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and shall be looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Damian F.J. Purcell

**Response to Editor:**

**Editorial comments:**

1. JoVE cannot publish manuscripts containing commercial language. This includes company names of an instrument or reagent. Please remove all commercial language from your manuscript and use generic terms instead. All commercial products should be sufficiently referenced in the Table of Materials and Reagents. Examples of commercial language in your manuscript include Lipofectamine 2000, CellTiter 96, etc.

*We removed the remaining commercial language/company names of reagents left such as Lipofectamine (lipid reagent), CellTiter (wash buffer), Live/DEAD fixable dead cell stain Near-IR (NIR) (viability dye), CST beads and rainbow 8-peak (calibration beads), FlowJo (flow cytometry data analysis software)… from the manuscript.*

*In addition, all commercial products have been referenced in the Table of Materials and Reagents.*

2. Step 4.12: Please ensure that all text is written in imperative tense.

*The sentence was written in imperative tense – lanes 300-303, page 7 as follows:*

*“4.12. Analyze the data using a flow cytometry data analysis software. Exclude cell debris and clump (doublets) based on forward and side scatter then eliminate the dead cells using the viability dye stain (negative population). Identify the cells expressing EGFP and DsRed (Figure 4), as well as the percentage of spliced product DsRed/(DsRed + EGFP) (Figure 5).”*