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RE: JoVE manuscript 58870R1

Dear Dr. Myers,

Attached please find our revised manuscript entitled "Comprehensive dissection protocol for preparation of rhythmically-active in vitro neonatal rodent brainstem-spinal cord and thin slice" (JoVE 58870R1) which describes the methods we use to cut rhythmically-active *in vitro en bloc* brainstem-spinal cord and brainstem slices. We believe that the protocol as laid out within this manuscript provides extensive detail that is of value to our field and in general to understanding rhythmic motor networks in the nervous system. We thank the editorial team and the reviewers for their careful attention to the original submission and we have addressed their concerns to the best of our abilities. We feel that the manuscript is substantially improved by their input.

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Thank you for consideration of our manuscript.

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