

Dear Editor,

Please find re-submitted our manuscript "Step-by-step experimental protocol for two different real-time place preference paradigms using optogenetics within the Ventral tegmental area (VTA) in the mouse" which we have modified in accordance with questions and comments raised by Editor and Reviewers 1-4. Point-by-point letters are also provided.

We hope with these changes that you will now find the manuscript acceptable for publication.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Zisis Bimpisidis.

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