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Re: JoVE manuscript JoVE61536

Dear Dr. DSouza,

Please find attached the revised version of our manuscript entitled, "A novel Pavlovian fear conditioning paradigm to study freezing and flight behavior". We have revised the manuscript according to the editorial comments as well as the suggestions of all three reviewers and we address all concerns point-by-point in the attached rebuttal.

In response to Reviewers 1 and 3, we added additional details to the Discussion related to control experiments used to establish the parameters of the protocol. In response to Reviewer 1, we modified Figure 1 to include illustrations of the different behavioral contexts. We also modified this Figure to better illustrate the use of auditory pips, as suggested by Reviewer 3. Finally, we retitled the protocol in light of Reviewer 3's comments.

We kindly thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan P. Fadok", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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