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Dear Dr. Bajaj,

Enclosed, please find our revised manuscript entitled, "Isolation of Adipogenic and Fibro-inflammatory Stromal Cell Subpopulations from Murine Intra-abdominal Adipose Depots," which Dr. Myers kindly invited to submit as part of the special series "State-of-the-art methods to study adipocytes and adipose tissue."

Here, we present a protocol that describes the technical approach to isolate adipogenic and fibro-inflammatory stromal cell subpopulations from murine intra-abdominal WAT depots by fluorescence-activated cell sorting or immunomagnetic bead separation.

We have attempted to address the major concerns of Reviewers 2 and 3 through additions to the protocol, an addition of a new table, and revision of the Discussion section.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this special series. We look forward to hearing your feedback on the paper.

Sincerely,

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