Supplementary material

Title: The curious case of the hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis dysfunction in subordinate female naked mole-rats (*Heterocephalus glaber*): no apparent role of opioids and glucocorticoids

Running title: Social suppression in female naked mole-rats

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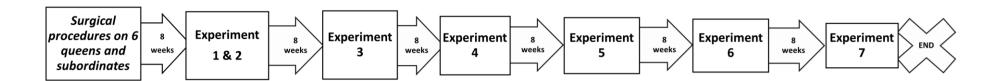
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Supplementary Figure 1: A flow chart showing the experimental timeline experienced by 12 female naked mole-rats (*Heterocephalus glaber*).