



**24<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find submitted the manuscript:

*“A chitosan based, laser activated thin film surgical adhesive, ‘SurgiLux’: preparation and demonstration.”*

Chitosan is receiving considerable attention in various forms as a biomaterial for medical devices. We have harnessed and enhanced the adhesive power of chitosan to produce a laser-activated, thin film, surgical adhesive termed ‘SurgiLux<sup>®</sup>’.

The preparation of SurgiLux<sup>®</sup> is quite simple and cost effective; it is a unique combination of biomaterial and photonics, all of which have FDA approval. SurgiLux<sup>®</sup> has tremendous advantages over current, commercial glues and adhesives and this, together with its ability to bind to any collagenous tissue, make it an attractive option for a wide range of surgical procedures.

Publication in JoVE will clearly demonstrate the simplicity of the SurgiLux<sup>®</sup> system and will consequently be of interest to a wide range of researchers and practising clinicians.

We request consideration for publication.

Yours sincerely;

**A/Prof. L.J.R. Foster**

