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**Allison Diamond**Journal of Visualized Experiments  
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Dear Ms. Diamond:

Enclosed please find a manuscript entitled “Building an Open-Source Robotic Stereotaxic Instrument” submitted as an original report for possible publication in the *Journal of visualized experiments*.

The aforementioned report includes the designs and software necessary to upgrade your existing stereotax to a robotic (computer numeric controlled; CNC) stereotax for around $1000. We also compare and contrast this technique with other comparable methods and enumerate the advantages and shortcomings of the preparation.

All co-authors provided significant contributions to the manuscript and were instrumental in developing the protocol in its present form. David Barker, Kevin Coffey and Sisi Ma prepared and edited the manuscript and figures. Dr. Mark West provided oversight for the project and edited the manuscript for content. All coauthors have seen and approve of the contents of the manuscript. There are no financial interests to be disclosed nor is this article currently under review by another journal. Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information is needed concerning this manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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