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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I am enclosing herewith a manuscript entitled “Lignin Down-regulation of *Zea mays* and Cell Wall Compositional Analyses” for publication in the *Journal of Visualized Experiments*.

The corresponding author of this manuscript is Dr. Sang-Hyuck Park. Three co-authors (Chuansheng Mei, Rebecca Garlock Ong, and Mariam Sticklen) provided contributions (dsRNAi gene construct, lignin measurement, and as a primary investigator, respectively) to this research.

Ms. Elizabeth Sheeley has invited and assisted us in the submission process. Six peer reviewers have been submitted online.

We appreciate your invitation for publication of this manuscript and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'shpark'.

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