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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find our video manuscript, entitled "Writing and Low-Temperature Characterization of Oxide Nanostructures", which we are submitting for publication in JoVE. The manuscript and video describe a process that is central to more than a dozen published works in Science, Nature Materials and other high-profile journals. Despite all of the documented results, there still does not exist an archival-quality visual description of how we prepare our nanostructures. That is the explicit aim of this video manuscript.

I am highly supportive of the JoVE mission, and routinely use video in my laboratory for a variety of purposes. We chose to use an author-submission because we believe that we have the in-house capability to produce a video that meets the standards of JoVE. If there are technical problems with the video, it is not due to a lack of ability on our side, but rather lack of appreciation of some subtleties that should easily be correctable (we hope).

I do have a question that was not answered on the website: can we upload a manuscript on arxiv.org? This practice is common for other journal submissions, and ends up improving the final published manuscript. We believe that an arxiv post will serve the same purpose for JoVE. If this practice is not allowed, I would appreciate knowing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Levy".

Jeremy Levy