Dear Editor:

We would like to submit our manuscript titled “Measuring ascending aortic stiffness *in vivo* in mice using ultrasound” for publication in the *Journal of Visualized Experiments*. Our manuscript was solicited by associate editor Jane Hannon.

Successful performance of this protocol depends on recognizing specific anatomical features of the mouse. Because these features are best shown visually, this protocol is well-suited for *JoVE*’s multimedia format. Moreover, the procedures described can be used in a range of applications besides the one described in our protocol. We believe visual documentation of these procedures would greatly benefit other investigators wanting to use these procedures for their studies.

We request that filming takes place prior to July 31, 2014. The author who performs these procedures, Maggie Kuo, will be finishing her PhD work and graduating by that date.

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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

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