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Dear JOVE editors,

The purpose of this letter is to request that my manuscript entitled “Practrical Metthodolog of Cognitive Tasks Within a Navigational Assessment” be considered for publication. Please note that this study received Ethics approval by the Laurentian University Ethics Board before the study was conducted and only children for whom parents signed the informed consent took part in this study. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

The JOVE editor that approached me to publish in JOVE is Allison Diamond. She was interested in the method in my article entitled “Exploring The Impact of Navigation on Young Children’s Ability to Navigate a Speech-Generating Device” published in the AAC journal in December 2013. Following a telephone conversation with Allison, I accepted the offer to submit an article to JOVE. I am interested in publishing the methodology of my research in order to help others who want to pursue studies using the same method. Therapists who work with children who have complex communication needs can also use this method.

Preliminary results of this study were presented in a poster session at the 2012 ISAAC conference in Pittsburgh. Results were also presented at the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) conference in Orlando Florida on February 1, 2013. Final results were published in the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Journal in December 2013. Results were also presented to local therapists and educators.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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