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Dear Editor

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled “Upper Extremity Transplantation in Non-Human Primates: An Orthotopic Model for Translational Research” for consideration for publication in the *Journal of Visualized Experiments.* This submission was suggested by Dr. Eric Liao for consideration for inclusion in the upcoming issue focusing on techniques in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery research.

This manuscript describes a rigorous non-human primate model, suitable for preclinical studies in the field of vascularized composite allotransplantation, at a level immediately preceding translation from the laboratory to clinical trial. We hope this protocol will be of interest to other researchers in this developing field, and look forward to your editorial decision.

Sincerely,

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