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To the editors of the Journal of Visualized Experiments:

Dear Editor,

Please consider for publication our manuscript entitled: "Transposon mediated integration of plasmid DNA into the subventricular zone of neonatal mice to generate novel models of glioblastomas".

We have prepared the technical report submitted hereby to instruct a wide number of researchers about an easy, rapid and versatile method of creating new models of glioblastomas in mice using the Sleeping Beauty transposase system by injecting plasmid DNA into the lateral ventricles of neonatal mice. We demonstrate that tumors generated with this model reproduce the salient features of the human disease and are amenable to test new therapeutic approaches for GBM. Ultimately our hope is that many more researchers will use this method to accelerate discovery in the field of glioblastoma, knowledge which will be rapidly translated to the clinic to improve patient outcome.

The procedure to inject plasmid DNA into the ventricles of neo-natal mice is delicate and requires a good understanding of the different steps involved and an accurate perception of the spatial coordinates required for a successful injection. The format of your visual journal is ideally suited to convey such knowledge for reproducible outcomes.

We have prepared this report at the invitation of your editor Nandita Singh.

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