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Dear Sir / Madame,

Please find attached the original manuscript "*Diffuse optical spectroscopy for the quantitative assessment of acute ionizing radiation induced skin toxicity using a mouse model*". The methods described in this article provide an objective and quantitative technique for evaluating radiation-induced skin toxicity in mice. Furthermore, the relative simplicity, robustness and portability of the described diffuse optical spectroscopy instrumentation is easily translatable to the radiation therapy setting for potential clinical trials. We believe the described technique will be of significant interest to readers working on translational research evaluating novel drugs / therapies and hope that our work meets the high standards of the articles published in the **Journal of Visualized Experiments**. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the submitted manuscript. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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