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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am excited to share with you my latest manuscript entitled “Development of a more sensitive and specific chromogenic agar for the isolation and differentiation of *Vibrio* species”. Unlike my previous manuscripts focusing on the virulence of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, a common foodborne pathogen found in marine environment, this study is dedicated to comparing the performance of different media for the detection, identification and isolation of this pathogen and other related *Vibrio* spp. The research process entails many manual microbiological techniques, in conjunction with color observation and interpretation. All of these strongly suggest that communicating the study results to the public would be much more effective via the JoVE’s unique multimedia format.

At the time of this study, Thorsen was an undergraduate student in our Biological Sciences Department at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He spent at least one year working in this study. Together with a few student helpers, they generated all the data. I am the faculty in the department who oversee the project including project design, data analysis and result interpretation.

Alison Hamlinsaw our poster during ASM 2015 and invited me to submit a manuscript. She has been very courteous and dedicated in following up. I would not have thought about JoVE without her invitation.

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