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Dear Dr. Singh and editors:

Thank you for inviting us to contribute our study to JoVE. We are now submitting a revised manuscript entitled "**Preparation of rAAV9 to Overexpress or Knockdown Genes in Mouse Hearts**" for consideration for publication.

In this study, we describe the detailed procedure to construct, package and purify the rAAV9 vectors. Subcutaneous injection of rAAV9 into neonatal pups resulted in robust expression or efficient knockdown of the genes of interest in mouse hearts.

We have carefully addressed the comments of reviewers and editors and have revised the manuscript thoroughly.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Wang".

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