To the Editors,

As the corresponding author for “A Model for Perineural Invasion in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma,” I certify that the manuscript is original and that each of the listed authors has contributed to, read, and approved the manuscript; and none of the authors has any conflict of interest, financial or otherwise. This manuscript is original and it, or any part of it, has not been previously published; nor is it under consideration for publication elsewhere.

We feel that this experimental protocol lends itself well to JoVE’s unique multimedia format because the subtleties of the experimental set up are far better seen in video than in pictures or explained in text. We have spent many years fine-tuning this technique and the reasoning behind why every step is performed the way it is performed s is far easier to show and discuss with video and audio. The importance of developing in vitro models for perineural invasion is detailed in the abstracts and introduction of the manuscript.

All authors participated in the development of this technique and the writing of this manuscript. Drs. Gilbert and Kim were predominantly involved in the original experimental concept while Drs. Huyett, Liu, Ferris and Kim were predominantly involved in adjusting the technique to its current state. Nandita Singh is the editor at JoVE with whom we have been in contact. We listed 7 potential peer reviewers on the editorial manager website (Jeffrey Myers, John Steinke, Patrick Ha, Nisha D’Silva, Jacques Nor, Erich Sturgis, Wendell Yarbough). We do not oppose any potential reviewers.

Thank you for your consideration,

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