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**Object: Submission of Manuscript to the Journal of Visualized Experiments**

Dear Benjamin Werth,

The attached manuscript, entitled “*In Situ* Visualization of the Phase Behavior of Oil Samples under Refinery Process Conditions”, by Cedric Laborde-Boutet and William C. McCaffrey, is submitted for publication in the Journal of Visualized Experiments. In this article, we present a unique setup and method for the *in situ* visualization of oil samples under reaction conditions pertaining to refining and upgrading processes. Additionally, since the data we obtain is in the form of a series of micrographs, the method lends itself very well to a presentation in video format. As such, the Journal of Visualized Experiments provides an ideal platform for displaying our research.

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