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Ronald Myers, Ph.D.

Senior Science Editor, *Journal of Visualized Experiments*

Dear Dr. Myers,

On behalf of my coauthors, I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “**Method of normothermic *ex vivo* heart perfusion in working mode: assessment of cardiac function and metabolism**” to be considered for publication in *Journal of Visualized Experiments* as a method article.

We believe this manuscript would be of interest to the readers/viewers of JoVE because:

* *Ex vivo* heart perfusion can be considered as a novel method for preservation, monitoring, and potentially improving of the donated hearts
* Introducing a reliable, reproducible research method/apparatus for *ex vivo* heart perfusion will be beneficial for the researchers in this field.

This manuscript is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, nor has it been previously published. All authors have read and approved the manuscript, all relationship with industry have been fully disclosed.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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