Benjamin Werth, JoVE Editorial Board

Object: Submission of a revised manuscript.



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Dimitri Heintz 03 67 15 52 62 dimitri.heintz@ibmp-cnrs.unistra.fr Dear Benjamin Werth,

We are pleased to submit the revised version of our manuscript entitled "Mass spectrometry imaging (MSI) to investigate xenobiotics metabolism in *Salix alba* leaves." in response to your kind invitation for publication in JoVE.

I think there was a bit of confusion concerning this manuscript, from my side and for the reviewers. You contacted me based on a manuscript published in Metabolomics (Villette et al, 2019) to propose a protocol which could be adapted to the JoVE video format. This protocol was expected to be short and not as detailed as the one previously published, otherwise it would be a duplicate, which is not a really attractive exercise.

From my point of view, the reviewers provided a review as in a classical journal reviewing process. I wonder if you carefully informed them and explained them the specific process to follow for JoVE?

I don't think so, which explains the confusion and the fact that most of their questions can find an answer in the previously published manuscript. Consequently, I can only politely invite them to read the manuscript from Metabolomics. When possible, we made the modifications proposed by the reviewers.

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I hope you understand my discomfort.

On behalf of all co-authors, Dimitri Heintz



