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Dr. Nam Nguyen Manager of Review Journal of Visualized Experiments

Dear Dr. Nguyen,

We are happy to resubmit our manuscript "Synthesis of pH Dependent Pyrazole, Imidazole, and Isoindolone Dipyrrinone Fluorophores Using a Claisen-Schmidt Condensation Approach" to the Journal of Visualized Experiments. We very much appreciate the additional recommendations of the editors who have made most helpful suggestions to help us shape this draft. Below is a point-by-point response to the changes/suggestions requested by the editorial team and the reviewers.

As your editorial team has requested, we have edited our manuscript to include the following modifications to the manuscript portion (in red below):

1. We spelled out all journal titles.

Additionally, we made the following edits (in red) to the movie file as your editorial teams suggested:

1. Pacing

Instead of using the dip to black, I highly recommend dipping to white instead, because that's the background color behind the talent. Dipping to black is too jarring in contrast. I've highlighted all the times this change needs to occur: 00:54, 01:41, 03:23, 04:04, 13:17 – We modified the video as recommended.

04:21 - 04:21 All these shots need to be cross dissolved together instead of the straight cuts in order to show a smoother sequence. – We modified the video as recommended.

08:51 - 08:59 We don't need to see the funnel being placed on the holder after its been shaken. There's too much of a silent gap here. Use a cross dissolve to the next shot please. – We modified the video as recommended.



09:28 - 09:32 Tighten this up please. There's a gap with no narration. Then suddenly the shot cuts to the next step but the narration doesn't start for another two seconds. – We modified the video as recommended.

09:38 - 09:38 The cut happens too soon. I'd like to see more of the rotary evaporator. It shouldn't cut to this next shot until the narration starts. – We modified the video as recommended.

14:14 - 14:14 I didn't catch this last time, but I would fade out sooner. It looks awkward to see him starting to lean at the end. – We modified the video as recommended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Zachary R. Woydziak, Ph.D.