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1. Title page: Title page has been formatted as per the guidelines.
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| **Editor’s report** |
| I have provided feedback on your manuscript through specific comments along with ratings for relevant sections. The key below the table explains my ratings. I hope you find my feedback useful. |

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| **Title**  An effective title is concise while being representative. | ★★★ |
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| ★★★ This section required only a few revisions.  ★★ Most parts of this section required revision.  ★ The entire section required significant revision. Please go through my comments/changes carefully. |

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| **Comments** |
| **SCOPE**  The target journal seeks to advance the development of remote-sensing based methods relevant to the management of land use and biological systems and defines remote sensing broadly to include data collection by hand-held and fixed ground-based sensors, such as camera traps and acoustic recorders, and sensors on airplanes and satellites. Therefore, this study, which aimed to propose a novel method for drawing georeferenced vegetation classification maps from ground-based imagery of alpine regions, falls well within both the aim and scope of the target journal.  **NOVELTY OF THE STUDY**  The novelty has been highlighted sufficiently throughout the manuscript. This study reports on the development of a novel method of acquiring georeferenced vegetation classification maps in alpine areas. It highlights how this method improves on more conventional methods and indicates where there is room for further improvement.  **RELEVANCE AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE STUDY**  This work is particularly relevant considering the vulnerability of alpine ecosystems to global climate change effects and the challenges associated with working in these often inaccessible and inhospitable areas. Furthermore, the subject matter falls well within the scope of the target journal and thus will be of great interest to its readership. The value of the outcomes of this work to management and conservation planning is clearly indicated in the conclusion section of this manuscript.  **SUBMISSION READINESS**  Your manuscript is close to being submission-ready. Overall, the manuscript was already organized appropriately. The contents were presented under appropriately detailed/informative subheadings and all sections and subsections were placed in a logical order. Additionally, the descriptions were concise, and there was no appreciable redundancy between sections. Therefore, heavy structural revisions such as reordering of paragraphs or sections to improve flow were not needed. Rest assured, I have checked the entire document carefully and made changes where required, especially when needed to maintain a native tone, which was the main source of errors, together with some relatively minor grammatical issues. In addition, I have made or suggested changes that require further verification or clarification and inserted comments regarding some discrepancies, missing details, and areas for improvement. All these are critical points that should be addressed very carefully before submission; else, the paper may not have the intended impact.  The **title** was brief and well framed, and nicely captured the central point of the study. No revisions were required here.  The **abstract** indicated the background of the study and the study’s motivations. The novelty of your study was also clear. The methods and major findings were succinctly described, and a concluding statement highlighting the implications of the findings was also present.  The **introduction** effectively set the stage for the study, providing background and explaining what is known in the field as well as the gaps in the knowledge. The study’s aims, novelty, and implication have been clearly stated at the end.  The **methods** were sufficiently detailed to permit a clear understanding and replication of the study’s methodology. A clear logical order was followed, and a separate section on the statistical analyses was also provided.  The **results** and **discussion** sections clearly presented the findings of the study and placed them within the context of findings from relevant previous studies, respectively, aided by the use of appropriate subheadings and containing proper citations to figures. The discussion interpreted these findings and explained their significance quite well. The limitations presented here enhance the readability of the manuscript.  The **conclusions** clearly summarized the major findings of your study. The scope of future research aimed and implications of your study’s findings presented here strengthen the overall impact of your study. |

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| **Quick tip** |
| **Guideline and Explanation** |
| A compound adjective is formed by two words that jointly describe a noun (e.g., 'water' and 'soluble' in 'water-soluble compound'). Such compound adjectives are usually hyphenated to indicate that they form a single unit. The use of the hyphen also aids clarity. For example, in the sentence 'I saw a man-eating alligator,' it is clear that the alligator eats humans. Without the hyphen, the sentence will read as 'I saw a man eating alligator' (i.e., the man was eating an alligator). However, if the first word of a compound adjective is an adverb ending with '-ly' then the compound adjective should not be hyphenated. |
| **Example** |
| Original: Satellite, airborne, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) remote sensing methods appear to be alternatives  Revised: Satellite, airborne, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) remote-sensing methods appear to be alternatives |