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Dear Drs. Yanbo Huang, Lie Tang, Lirong Xiang, and Jiajia Li,  
  
I am writing to express my gratitude for the opportunity to submit our manuscript for consideration in the Special Issue on Agricultural Cybernetics., in Computers and Electronics in Agriculture. I, an Assistant Professor of Animal Data Science, along with my colleague Dr. Robin White, have developed a manuscript titled "Common Pitfalls in Evaluating Model Performance and Strategies for Avoidance,” which focuses on an overview of metric definitions and applications and introduces common pitfalls in the model evaluation process. This topic is critical for ensuring the reproducibility and comparability of machine learning studies regardless of the field. Given the journal's emphasis on data-driven agricultural practices, we believe our manuscript can offer valuable guidelines for both the journal readers and authors.  
  
Thank you for considering our submission. We eagerly anticipate your feedback and hope for the opportunity to contribute to this publication.

Sincerely,

  
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