**Cover letter**

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Dear prof. Tan,

I wish to submit an original research article entitled “Introduction to Statistical Computing in Scala – an Implementation of the K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier” for consideration by IEEE Transactions in Evolutionary Computation.

I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, I show that machine learning in ecology opens new opportunities of research. This is significant because it can bring forward both fields.

I believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by IEEE Transactions in Evolutionary Computationbecause it advances theoretical studies of practical learning methods.

I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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