**Cover letter**

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Dear prof. He,

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 on Neural Networks and Learning Systems.

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 the machine learning pipeline for kNN classification can combine MANOVA with the kNN algorithm to offer new opportunities of reducing error in classification tasks. This is significant because it can bring forward the field of machine learning in ecology. I believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systemsbecause it also 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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