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Editor
The R Journal

Dear Professor Cook,

Please consider our article titled “`rassta`: Raster-based Spatial Stratification Algorithms” for publication in the R Journal.

The manuscript introduces the new package called **`rassta`**, which provides functions to perform landscape stratification, sampling, and modeling of environmental data in R.

We believe that the readers of the R Journal will find this article helpful for their work because it showcases the analysis of environmental phenomena using functions explicitly designed for geospatial data. Moreover, this article provides the theoretical background of the functions in the `rassta` package. This background is founded in ecological concepts proposed by many authors from diverse disciplines.

Regards,

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