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Dear Mr. Hunt,

I would be pleased to submit for publication in *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* an original research article entitled *The need for a taphonomic perspective in spatial analysis: formation processes at the Early Pleistocene site of Pirro Nord (P13), Apri-cena, Italy*, which is co-authored with M. Arzarello (University of Ferrara).

In this manuscript we investigate the depositional and post-depositional processes involved in the formation of the Early Pleistocene site of Pirro Nord 13 (Italy). The site, biocronologically dated between 1.3 and 1.6 Ma BP, provides evidence for an early hominin presence in Western Europe. The integration of spatial point pattern analyses with taphonomic studies on the faunal and lithic assemblages allows us to test different hypotheses of site formation and modification processes. Our study offers a contribution to the field of spatial analyses and site formation studies.

We strongly believe that *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* is the appropriate venue for our manuscript and we hope that our contribution will be welcomed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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