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Dear Mr. Hunt,

I'm pleased to resubmit for publication in *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* a revised version of the manuscript entitled *The need for a taphonomic perspective in spatial analysis: formation processes at the Early Pleistocene site of Pirro Nord (P13), Apricena, Italy*, co-authored with M. Arzarello.

We addressed and commented all the key points raised by the reviewers. We strongly believe that they significantly improved the quality of the paper, and we are grateful to the two anonymous reviewers for that.

In particular, we:

- restructured the manuscript adding subsections according to the two main aims of our study. We also added a new section for the vertical distribution analysis of the finds;
- improved our analyses using more functions and tests;
- published a repository of data, code and text.

Please find attached our inline responses (*Italic formatted*) to the two reviewers' comments.

Yours sincerely,

Domenico Giusti