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To the editors of Environmental DNA:

We submit for your review: "The artemis package for eDNA analysis in R", an original article by Matthew B. Espe and colleagues. We believe this work to be especially well-suited for publication in Environmental DNA, as the article introduces a novel suite of analysis tools that are specifically designed for eDNA studies and applications.

Our group strives to set high standards of reproducibility and transparency. As such, all analysis work-flows, scripts, datasets, and the package described in the article have been made publicly available for other researchers to utilize.

The data presented in this manuscript are original and the manuscript is not under consideration elsewhere. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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