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Dear Editors of Applied Animal Behaviour Science

Please find attached for your consideration a paper entitled Optimizing Behavioural Observations: A Comparative Approach to Simulated Sampling Methods ”. In thus study, we compared two commonly-used behavioural methods: pinpoint (instantaneous) and one-zero sampling under three different interval lengths and two conditions in order to determine which method has the lowest error margins. We consider Applied Animal Behaviour Science to be the best vehicle for the publication because of its readership and use by practitioners from many different aspects of animal care. This work has some broad implications that can be used for informing project development for both wild and captive animal research.

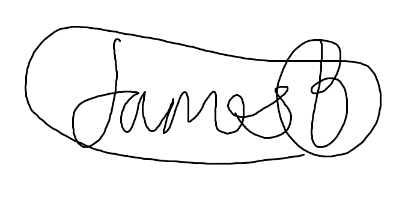
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Sincerely,



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