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Dear Dr. Gelman:

Please consider our revised manuscript, “A four-step simulation-based workflow for ecological analysis and science” as an Opinion for the special issue in *Philosophical Transactions A*.

Comments from two reviewers and the editor have led to a much improved manuscript. We have added a new example, overhauled the introduction, and made additional smaller changes throughout—including edits to the abstract and title. We detail these edits in our point-by-point response letter.

All authors have contributed to and approved of this re-submission, and the manuscript is not currently submitted to or in review with another publication. We hope that you will find it suitable for publication in *Philosophical Transactions A*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth M Wolkovich".

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