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Dear Editor of *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*,

The University of Costa Rica is a low-budget institution located in a third-world country facing economic challenges. While we are dedicated to academic excellence, our resources are limited, and our faculty and students often struggle with financial constraints. Nevertheless, we are passionate about contributing valuable research to the academic community. In light of our financial circumstances, I would like to kindly request a submission fee discount for my manuscript titled "baRulho: an R package to quantify degradation in animal acoustic signals". The research presented in this manuscript aligns with the scope and objectives of *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, and we believe it can make a meaningful contribution to the academic discourse in our field.

I understand that submission fees are essential for the functioning of the journal, and I genuinely appreciate the effort put into maintaining the quality and integrity of the publication. However, given our financial limitations, a discounted fee or waiver would significantly facilitate our ability to participate in the academic dialogue.

I am more than willing to provide any additional information or documentation to support our request. Additionally, if there are alternative arrangements or opportunities for financial assistance, we would be open to exploring those options. Thank you very much for considering our request.

Kind regards,

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