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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our revised submission titled "Real-time alerts from AI-enabled camera traps using the Iridium satellite network: a case-study in Gabon, Central Africa".

We apologise for misunderstanding the length requirements for a ‘Practical Tools’ article and have done our best to shorten the article to fit within the guidance of 3000 – 4000 words.

Unfortunately, the article is still too long at 4427 words from the Title page to the end of the References. One of the main limitations to shortening the article is that we have 20 co-authors from a diverse number of institutions, and our Author Contribution Statement and Acknowledgments are together 328 words. Without these sections included in the word count the article would be just 4099 words. We hope this is considered acceptable at this stage and would be willing to discuss other options to shorten the article depending on the outcome of any reviews.

We would like to notify you that the article is available as a preprint at:

<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.11.10.468078v1>

We confirm that the manuscript has not been previously published in or submitted to another journal.

Yours sincerely,

Robin C. Whytock and co-authors.