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Dear Walter S. Andriuzzi, PhD  
Editor, *Nature Communications*

Following your recommendation, we are submitting a revised version of the manuscript entitled “Something for nothing: active restoration trumps passive in drylands”, co-authored by M. Florencia Miguel, H. Scott Butterfield and Christopher J. Lortie, to be considered for publication as an Article in *Nature Communications*.

We have considered all the requests made from the Journal Editors and we incorporated changes to the original submitted manuscript. Specifically, we clarified the methodology used in this meta-analysis regarding meta-data structure and meta-analytical methods. Furthermore, we have made some minor changes to the original manuscript title to clarify its main focus.

Once again, we highly appreciate your assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. M. Florencia Miguel on behalf of all authors.

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