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Dr. Eraldo Medeiros Costa Neto
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Dear Dr. Medeiros,

I hope this message finds you well. Please find enclosed our original paper entitled: "Traditional knowledge and perceptions towards the Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*) in the Central Andes of Colombia" which we are submitting to be considered for publication in ETHNOSCIENTIA.

This paper is the most complete descriptive study on the traditional knowledge and perceptions towards a species of scavenger about which very little is known in Colombia. It provides novel insight into the perceptions towards the critically endangered Andean Condor. Adult men demonstrated a more detailed knowledge of the types of food of *V. gryphus* compared to adult women; but both adult men and women responded more accurately than both sexes of young people. Overall, the perceptions towards the condors were mostly positive with no evidence of hunting of the species. We highlight that it is important to incorporate the gender perspective into conservation initiatives and educational programs to effectively protect the remaining endangered populations of condors in Colombia.

All authors have participated in the composition of this article and are fully aware of its contents. I hope you will agree that this study provides useful insights for the conservation of the species and reliable information for addressing educational programs.

Sincerely,

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