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Dear Professor Elizalde:

We are very pleased to inform you that the above referenced paper has been accepted for publication in *Statistica Sinica*.

Your paper has been accepted for its technical content, and will now be forwarded to our consulting editor for further review. It is important to note that only editorial and style proofreading revisions will be suggested by the consulting editor. Following this review, you will be contacted again about creating the final version based on the consulting editor's recommendations.

Once again, congratulations – and thank you for your support of *Statistica Sinica* in choosing the journal to publish your important contribution. We very much look forward to your next submission.

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With best wishes,

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