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We would like to submit the following article “**Spatial and temporal distribution of species diversity in semi-deciduous seasonal forests subject to occasional fires**” for publication in the “**Revista de Biología Tropical**” as your journal has high visibility among researchers throughout the world and a high impact factor. This article represents the results of a doctoral thesis undertaken at the Federal University at Lavras, in Minas Gerais State Brazil. The text represents original research and is in conformity with the ethical requirements of your journal; all of the co-authors agree to its publication. If the final manuscript exceeds the standard number of pages, the co-authors have agreed to cover the costs of publishing the excess pages.

In light of the scarcity of long-term studies in forest areas subject to burning, we have examined the patterns of species richness and diversity during regeneration. Our results concerning the distribution of species diversity in disturbed sites should contribute to perfecting projects directed toward the restoration of forest areas altered by wildfires. Based on spatial analyses, it was possible to characterize changes in species richness and diversity in the arboreal community examined.

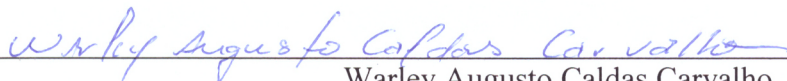
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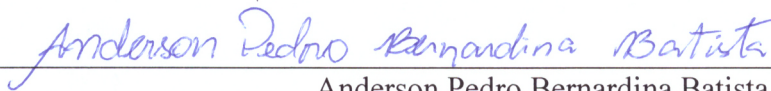
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