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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find the manuscript entitled **Identification of phenolic and alcoholic compounds in wine spirits and their classification by use of multivariate analysis** by Hanousek Cica, K. et al.

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The aim of this study was to develop partial least squares regression models for higher alcohols and phenols in wine spirits as well as to show the feasibility of the NIRs combined with chemometric tools to distinguish wine spirits and brandies with different oldness/ageing degree.

We would greatly appreciate your consideration of our manuscript for publication in the **Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society.**

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

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