

Editorial

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On behalf of the editorial board, I am pleased to publish Volume 6, Issue 2 of the R Journal.

The first article in this issue presents a case study illustrating the use of R for analyzing fMRI data. The second article introduces the innovative **TableToLongForm** package that tries to automate the preprocessing of commonly encountered hierarchical tables that are often difficult to convert into machine-readable form. The remaining articles describe a variety of R packages that make new methods available to the R community: **Prinsimp** to study interesting structures in low variability principal components, **phaseR** for autonomous ODE Systems, **accelerometry** and **nhanesaccel** for processing accelerometer data, **spartan** to analyze simulation results, **ngspatial** for analyzing areal data, **sgof** for multiple testing problems, **bshazard** for survival analysis, **SMR** which implements a set of distribution functions, **FLIM** for longitudinal studies with missing data, **MVN** for assessing multivariate normality, **qmethod** for studying perspectives and attitudes using Q methodology, and **gset** for exact sequential tests of equivalence hypotheses. In addition to the usual updates, the News and Notes section also contains two conference reports. I hope you enjoy the issue.

With the end of the year, it is also time for a refresh of the editorial board. Hadley Wickham is leaving the board after a four-year term. As with everything he turns his attention to, Hadley has considerably streamlined the behind-the-scenes operations of the Journal, making life easier for the rest of us. We welcome Roger Bivand who is joining the editorial board in his place. Publishing this issue is my last act as Editor-in-Chief, with Bettina Grün taking over the job for the next year.

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