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The title "Buried treasures and ancient forges: a historical analysis of mines and ironworks in the Stilaro Valley" is clear and appropriately reflects the content of the article. It effectively summarizes the historical and archaeological focus on the mines and ironworks of the Stilaro Valley.	
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The abstract provides a good overview of the objectives, methods, and results, presenting a comprehensive preview of the study on the mines and ironworks in the Stilaro Valley. However, it could be improved by briefly mentioning the specific methods of analysis used, such as particular archaeological techniques or specific historical sources.	
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