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Usage

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BAI(LUS, Control_LUS)
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Arguments

LUS	a vector of Land Use System or treatments containing four values of Urease, Alkaline Phosphatase, DHA, and Beta-Glucosidase
Control_LUS	a vector of control or reference Land Use System or treatment containing four values of Urease, Alkaline Phosphatase, DHA, and Beta-Glucosidase

Value

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References

Ghosh, A., Kumar, R.V., Manna, M.C., Singh, A.K., Parihar, C.M., Kumar, S., Roy, A.K. and Koli, P., 2021. Eco-restoration of degraded lands through trees and grasses improves soil carbon sequestration and biological activity in tropical climates. *Ecological Engineering*, 162, p.106176.

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Examples

LUS=c(1095.33, 610.77, 660.41, 140.37)

Control_LUS=c(583.37, 558.29, 492.41, 113.04)

BAI(LUS, Control_LUS)

BAI(c(1095.33, 610.77, 660.41, 140.37), c(583.37, 558.29, 492.41, 113.04))

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