For those who prefer the R Markdown code output to be produced within the “Console” window and the plots to be produced in the “Plots” window, rather than within the R Markdown window itself, follow these steps (may differ based on the version of RStudio used):

1. Within RStudio, click [Tools]

2. Click [Global Options...]

3. On the left-hand side, select R Markdown, and UNCHECK the box “Show output inline for all R Markdown documents.” Then click [OK].