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Peer Review Report for "Physical and Heart Rate Responses of Male Minifootball Players: A Case Study of an Elite Minifootball Match"

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Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

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Revision 0:

Reviewer 1:

Comments: In summary, it's interesting research, especially working in the field of soccer (Minifootball) which has been less investigated. Given this fact, some minor revisions are offered as follows:

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- 2- In the introduction, no research literature is found, why? Besides, explain more about Minifootball.
- 3- Any ethical considerations you had. If so, include it in the method section.
- 4- Name the software you used for data analysis.
- 5- Name the application of the study for researchers and users.
- 6- State the general results of the research more clearly and avoid generalizations

Reviewer 2:

Comments

- *In the introduction, define the mini football and explain its traits, and so on...
- *Mention what the applications of this research are.
- *Include relevant references for the introduction part. Just 4 references are referred.
- *I recommend inputting more updated references, especially the last three years.
- *check typo errors throughout the manuscript.

AE: Major revisions

EIC: Dear Authors, refer to given comments by reviewers.

Replay to the reviewers

Special thanks to the editors and reviewers, We did the points raised by the esteemed reviewers.

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Response: done

2- In the introduction, no research literature is found, why? Besides, explain more about Minifootball.

Response: To our knowledge, no research has been undertaken during mini football match-play and the specific activity patterns remain unclarified. Understanding mini-football skills would allow practitioners to transfer beneficial information to the player and so a deep explanation of the physical, physiological, and skill requirements would aid in the development of this sport.

3- Any ethical considerations you had. If so, include it in the method section.

Response: The Declaration of Helsinki (2013) and the Sfax University ethics committee (CPP-02/18) approved the methodology and procedures used in this study.

4- Name the software you used for data analysis.

Response: Were analyzed using STATISTICA software (StatSoft®, Maisons-Alfort, France).

5- Name the application of the study for researchers and users.

Response: Given that mini-football is a very physically intense sport and its physical demands are important and should be taken into consideration by coaches in applying training for competitions in order to improve performance. With this information, coaches can modulate mini-football training sessions, and appropriately quantify the workload.

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Response: done

Reviewer 2:

Comments

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Response: Done.

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Response: Done. (Understanding mini-football skills would allow practitioners to transfer beneficial information to the player and so a deep explanation of the physical, physiological, and skill requirements would aid in the development of this sport).

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Response: References 1-7 have been included.

*I recommend inputting more updated references, especially the last three years.

Response: Done.

*Check typo errors throughout the manuscript.

Response: Checked and done.

AE:

Accept (please consider the above-mentioned points in proofreading)

EIC:

Accepted