

Dear **Editor**,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit a revised draft of my manuscript titled *The potential role of an athlete-focused echocardiogram in sports eligibility*. We appreciate the time and effort that you and the reviewers have dedicated to providing your valuable feedback on our manuscript. We are grateful to the reviewers for their insightful comments on paper. We have been able to incorporate changes to reflect most of the suggestions provided by the reviewers. We have highlighted the changes within the manuscript with **red colour**. We improved some of the paragraphs of the paper and we deleted 3 self-citations, as you suggested.

Dear **Reviewer 1**:

We wish to thank you all for your constructive comments in this review. Your comments provided valuable insights to refine its contents and analysis. In this document, we try to address the issues raised as best as possible.

- We corrected the reference number 21
- We agree with your suggestion about the good manual skill, training period and echocardiography experience that would need to a sport physician to perform such a focused exam. Indeed, we highlighted this aspect in the conclusion section
- We corrected the term “Afro-Americans” all over the article
- We agree that echocardiography is not the gold standard for diagnosis of anomalous origin of coronary arteries (AOCA), but it is often recommended as a first line examination in suspicion of this disease (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28335843/>). Moreover, Bianco et al. (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33431619/>) (120) showed that a standardized echocardiographic approach for AAOCA detection led to a significantly increased rate of identified anomalies. Nevertheless, we appreciate your suggestion, and we re-formulated this paragraph
- Even if we admit that congenital heart disease are difficult to evaluate and are often diagnosed during early childhood, improvements in modern medicine has led to an increase in the number of adults with these heart diseases engaging in sports activities (<https://www.escardio.org/Journals/E-Journal-of-Cardiology-Practice/Volume-19/evaluating-adolescent-and-adult-athletes-with-congenital-heart-disease>). Therefore, we thought it right to mention them
- Even if we admit that acute conditions (such as pericarditis) manifest with other symptoms, some of them (myocarditis) are often cause of sudden cardiac death (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25432122/>) (148), so we thought that an athletes’ echocardiographer should know them. Nevertheless, we appreciate your suggestion, and we re-formulated the sentence

Dear **Reviewer 2**:

We wish to thank you for all the compliments about our work. It is important for us.

We hope that the manuscript has now reached the standard necessary for formal acceptance endorsement.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards