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Subject: Manuscript Submission

Dear Dr. J.D. Ball,

I hope this message finds you in good health. I am writing to submit our manuscript titled "Investigating Expert-Rater Agreement and Inter/Intra-Rater Reliability of Two Fundamental Movement Skills for the Locomotor Subscale of the FG-COMPASS" for consideration for publication in the Journal of Perceptual and Motor Skills.

Our manuscript is 17 pages long, contains 3,810 words, and is supplemented with 3 pertinent images, all of which have been attached to this submission. This study was designed to assess the expert-rater agreement and inter- and intra-rater reliability of two new scales for the locomotor subscale of the Furtado-Gallagher Child Observational Movement Pattern Assessment System (FG-COMPASS). Our findings have highlighted the reliability of these scales in assessing vertical jump and gallop, indicating the potential these scales have in contributing to an improved comprehensive assessment tool.

We wish to confirm that this manuscript is original work and has been submitted solely to the Journal of Perceptual and Motor Skills. It has not been submitted to any other journal and will not be until a final decision regarding its acceptance is made by your journal.

We also wish to state that my co-author have agreed upon the content of the article and the order of authorship. This research was conducted following the ethical guidelines and standards of our institutions and no conflicts of interest exist.

We believe that our manuscript would be of interest to the readers of the Journal of Perceptual and Motor Skills, as it presents a significant addition to the existing body of knowledge in the field of Motor Behavior. We trust that you will find our research compelling, and we look forward to the possibility of our manuscript being considered for publication.

Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to receiving your feedback and are available to provide any additional information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

Respectfully,

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