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Subject: Manuscript Submission

Dear Dr. J.D. Ball,

I am writing to submit our manuscript titled “Examining the Relationship Between BMI, Sex, and Fundamental Movement Skill Performance in Low-Income Rural Children” for consideration in your esteemed journal, Perceptual and Motor Skills.

The manuscript comprises 17 pages and approximately 3,713 words, exploring how Body Mass Index (BMI), sex, and Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) performance interrelate among low-income rural children aged 5 to 7 years. The text includes four tables and is supplemented with one attached figure.

We confirm that this manuscript is original work, has not been published before, and has been submitted solely to Perceptual and Motor Skills. It will not be submitted anywhere else for publication until your journal makes a final decision regarding its acceptance.

All authors listed, Ms. Mariah Bolin from Seneca High School and Dr. Ovande Furtado Jr from California State University, Northridge, have participated in the conception and design of this study, analyzed the data, participated in writing the paper, and have read and approved the content. There is full agreement on the order of authorship.

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We believe that our research provides a valuable perspective to the existing literature on the interaction between BMI, sex, and fundamental movement skill performance, specifically within the context of rural, low-income settings. As such, it would be of significant interest to the diverse Perceptual and Motor Skills readership.

We appreciate your consideration of our manuscript and look forward to hearing from you. We remain available to provide any further information you might need.

Respectfully,

Ovande Furtado Jr.

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