



### REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57094

Title: **ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS OF SPORT IN DECENTRALIZED COMMUNITIES: CASE OF FOOTBALL IN THE CITY OF DJOUGOU.**

**Recommendation:**

- Accept as it is .....
- Accept after minor revision.....**
- Accept after major revision .....
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

| Rating         | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
|----------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Originality    |        | ✓    |      |      |
| Techn. Quality |        |      | ✓    |      |
| Clarity        |        |      | ✓    |      |
| Significance   |        | ✓    |      |      |

Reviewer's Id: JPR-122

**Reviewer's Comment for Publication.**

The manuscript addresses an important and relatively underexplored area concerning the organization and governance of football within decentralized communities, with specific reference to the city of Djougou. The topic is relevant, particularly in the context of decentralization and local governance in developing countries, and the study contributes to the understanding of how institutional structures influence sports development.

The use of a mixed-methods approach combining questionnaires, stakeholder perspectives, and document analysis is appropriate for the research objectives. The study highlights key issues such as inadequate infrastructure, limited involvement of local authorities, and weak coordination between stakeholders, which are significant findings with policy implications.

However, several areas require improvement before the manuscript is suitable for publication:

1. **Language and Grammar:**  
The manuscript contains numerous grammatical errors, awkward sentence constructions, and inconsistencies that affect readability. A thorough language revision is strongly recommended.
2. **Clarity and Structure:**  
Some sections, particularly the discussion, are overly descriptive and lack clear logical flow. The arguments should be better structured and more concise.
3. **Methodology:**  
The sampling method (non-randomized voluntary sampling) limits the generalizability of the findings. This limitation should be more explicitly acknowledged and discussed.
4. **Data Presentation:**  
The results section lacks detailed statistical analysis and clearer presentation of findings. Tables should be properly formatted and referenced in the text.
5. **Redundancy and Repetition:**  
Certain ideas are repeated multiple times, especially regarding infrastructure and local authority involvement. This should be streamlined.

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6. **Conclusion and Policy Implications:**

The conclusion could be strengthened by providing more concrete recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders.

7. **Formatting Issues:**

There are formatting inconsistencies (spacing, numbering, headings) that need correction.

Overall, the manuscript has potential and addresses a meaningful topic, but it requires **minor to moderate revisions** to improve clarity, coherence, and academic rigor before publication.