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Title: LES BARRIERES SPORTIVES, SOCIALES ET ECONOMIQUES LIEES AUX COURSES DE DEMI-FOND : CAS DU 1500 M FEMININ.

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 Name: Dr. Mithilesh kumar shukla

Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

This study analyzes the sporting, social, and economic barriers hindering Senegalese women's participation and performance in the 1500m. Using semi-structured interviews with two athletes and six technical staff, the qualitative research identifies multiple obstacles. Sporting factors include a lack of specialized middle-distance coaches, few dedicated competitions, and favoritism toward sprinters. Socio-cultural barriers involve traditional views of women's roles and religious interpretations, though respondents note Islam does not prohibit sport. Economically, athletes lack awareness of state subsidies, and while Olympic scholarships and association support exist, funding remains insufficient for development. The 1500m is described as operating at a regional level, with performances far below African and world standards. The authors conclude the event progresses slowly due to scarce competitions, minimal female participation, and limited motivation among athletes and coaches.

Recommendation: Accept after minor revision.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

STRENGTHS:

1- The study directly addresses what hinders the development of women's 1500m in Senegal, keeping the analysis centered.
2- Semi-structured interviews allow for in-depth, nuanced insights into a complex social phenomenon.
3- Including both athletes (2) and technical staff (6), including regional DTRs from Thiès, Saint-Louis, and Kolda, captures multiple perspectives.
4- The paper examines sporting, social/cultural, religious, and economic barriers, providing a holistic understanding.
5- Direct quotes from respondents (Max, Alex, Abdou, Paul, Mouhamed, Assy) enrich the analysis and lend credibility.
6- Following Bardin's (1998) three-stage approach, the methodology is systematic and replicable.

WEAKNESSES:

1- Very small sample size**,** Only 8 respondents (2 athletes and 6 technical staff) is a limited basis for drawing broader conclusions about women's 1500m in Senegal.
2- Lack of performance data **.**
3- Limited engagement with gender theory.