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I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled ***“Cardiac autonomic profile in cervical spinal cord injury subjects practitioners of the physical exercise”*** for publication in *Acta Scientiarum. Health Sciences* as an Original Research Paper.

Given the lack of studies that investigated alterations in heart rate variability parameters in spinal cord injury subjects, we evaluated volunteers with spinal cord injury involved in an exercise program of wheelchair rugby. We found that changes in cardiac autonomic function could be noted in subjects with cervical SCI regularly engaged in an exercise program.

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Because the *Acta Scientiarum. Health Sciences* publishes original research with focus in interdisciplinary approach to musculoskeletal rehabilitation for clinicians who treat patients with back and musculoskeletal pain complaints we believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration by another journal. All of the study’s participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics committee. All co-authors has been read and approved this manuscript and meets the requirements of “instructions for authors” of Acta Scientiarum. Health Sciences. In addition, I, the corresponding author, had full access to all the data in the study and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis, as well as the decision to submit for publication. Finally, there are no conflicts of interest to declare.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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