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# Investigating the Mediating Role of Leadership Style in the Relationship Between Personality Type and the Performance of the Staff, Captains, Supervisors, and Medics in Tehran's Soccer Clubs

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## 1 Original submission

1 comment · 27 Jan 2023

**Navid Moghadam** Reviewer

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Thanks for the invitation to review. I have some significant comments:

1. The manuscript can be improved by rewriting; the wording is hard to understand. For example, "Premier League clubs, 1 st, 2nd, 3 rd levels, " is not clear to anyone unfamiliar with the Iranian soccer league system. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd leagues are different from the premier league, but the wording makes them look like subsets of the premier league. (Persian Gulf league and Azadegan 1st, 2nd and 3rd leagues)
2. There are some inconsistencies in the tables. For example, in Table 1, the total is reported as 165, while the total reported for coaching experience is 165 and the total for coaching degree is 210.
3. The randomization is not clear: "The first stage is the random selection of teams from all teams (Tehran football clubs) Then, from
each team, samples were randomly selected." What does “teams” mean here?
4. "Personality type A and B": what is the reference for these categories?
5. There is no line numbering in the text (please see the instructions for authors).
6. I suggest that the authors use subheadings in writing, especially in the method section.
7. How is the total 40 in Table 2?

I strongly suggest you rewrite the manuscript using the STROBE Cross-sectional checklist.

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# Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

## Dear Reviewers/ Editor

I am very thankful for your kind suggestions; I provided answers below each question and made modifications where appropriate.
Thank you again for your help to enhance the quality of our paper.

Kindly Yours

Reviewer 1:
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Thank you for your thoughtful comment; as required by the reviewer we revised the wording of methods according to his/her comments.

2. There is some inconsistencies in the tables, for example, in Table 1, the total is reported as 165, while the total reported for coaching experience is 165, while for coaching degree total is 210

Thank to reviewer, we revised the table and removed the inconsistent data.

3. The Randomization is not clear: "The first stage is the random selection of teams from all teams (Tehran football clubs) Then, from each team, samples were randomly selected." what does teams mean here?

Thanks to the reviewer, we rewrite the sampling methods.

4. "Personality type A and B", what is the reference for these categories?

Thank you for your consideration; exactly this is a single questionnaire named “A & B” which evaluates the type of personality in participants. However, we added the references where are appropriate.

5. there is no line numbering in the text (please see the instruction for authors)

Thank you, however it seems that the line numbering is not mandatory for this journal.

6. I suggest dear authors use subheadings in writing, especially in the method section.

Thanks to the reviewer, we revised and added the subheadings to the methods section.

7. how total is 40 in Table 2?

Thanks to the reviewer, the incorrect data was removed from the table.

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In agreement with the reviewer we tried to revise the manuscript accordingly.

## 2 Revision 1

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*No public comments in this round.*