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Dear Editor-in-Chief of RBAFS,

We are submitting our manuscript entitled “*Six minutes run/walk test to the prediction of peak oxygen uptake in adolescents*” for possible publication in this respected journal. We believe that this paper is relevant because it brings discussions and reflections about the possibility of the six minutes run/walk test to predict peak oxygen uptake in adolescents. The rationale for this study includes: (a) it has been documented in studies from different parts of the world that the cardiorespiratory fitness is associated to different cardiovascular risk factors in children and adolescents; (b) although the direct measure of peak oxygen uptake (peak oxygen uptake) is considered the most appropriated method to measure the cardiorespiratory fitness in children and adolescents, it presents some characteristics that limit its use in some types of studies. Nevertheless, an alternative to this difficulty is the utilization of indirect field tests to measure CRF; (c) six minutes run/walk test (6-min) is a short-term indirect field test in which all evaluated individuals begin and end the test at same time. This characteristic facilitates the data collect process in large sample.

None of the authors had a conflict of interest to declare in relation to this work. We had no financial and personal relationships with other people or organizations that could inappropriately influence our work such as employment, consultancies, stock ownership, honoraria, paid expert testimony, patent applications/registrations, and grants or other funding.

The protocol was submitted and approved by the Ethic's Committee of Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil, and all children and adolescents gave their signed consent signed by a parent or guardian.

The manuscript has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere in whole or part in any language.

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