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# **Identification of Factors Influencing the Development of Innovations and Inventions in Iranian Sports**

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### 1. Round 1

#### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "Strategic actions for the growth and development of entrepreneurship particularly in the field of higher education are crucial" could benefit from a citation to support this claim. Including relevant references would strengthen the argument.

The comparison with studies by Barba-Sánchez and Atienza-Sahuquillo (2018) and Baptista et al. (2017) is insightful, but it would benefit from a more in-depth analysis of how the findings of this study align or differ from these previous studies.

This paragraph would be stronger if it included a discussion of the practical implications of the findings for policymakers and practitioners in the field of sports innovation and entrepreneurship.

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#### 1.2. Reviewer 2

#### Reviewer:

Data Collection Tools: The section mentions a 66-item questionnaire developed by the researcher. However, it would be useful to include a brief overview of the main themes or categories of these questions to give the reader a clearer understanding of what the questionnaire covers.

The table presenting the results of the exploratory factor analysis should include a more detailed explanation of each factor's items and their significance. Additionally, consider discussing any potential limitations of the factor loadings.

The statement "Together these six factors explained approximately 74% of the variance in the development of sports innovations and inventions" needs more context. It would be helpful to elaborate on what percentage each factor contributed individually.

The discussion of the complexities of the commercialization process is relevant, but lacks specific examples or case studies that could provide a more concrete understanding of these challenges. Including such examples would make this section more robust.

The phrase "Overall it can be stated that attention to the factors influencing the development of inventions and innovations can pave the way for the development of sports in the country" is somewhat vague. It would be beneficial to summarize the specific actionable recommendations derived from the findings.

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#### 2. Revised

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