The purpose of this study was to investigate pacing strategies amongst male competitors in an ultra-marathon race. The revised version shows much improvement although there are some minor aspects that should now be addressed. In particular, although there have been some corrections with the aid of a native English speaker, there are still a considerable number of instances where idiomatic English has not been adopted. These are listed under ‘Minor issues not for publication’.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

N/A

- Minor Essential Revisions

1. Methods, paragraph 4 (statistical analysis): Please explain the method used to convert your Cohen’s d results to r values (as reported in the Results).

- Discretionary Revisions

1. Introduction, Paragraphs 1 & 2: Although you have removed the term “ultra-marathon” in some sections, it is still overused in the Introduction. I think you can make this section more readable by removing some of the instances it is mentioned.

"Minor issues not for publication"

1. Introduction, paragraph 1: Please change “is of high popularity” to “is highly popular”.
2. Introduction, paragraph 2: Please change “avoiding to slow down” to “avoided slowing down”.
3. Introduction, paragraph 3: Please change “the best correlations for” to “the best correlations with”.
4. Introduction, paragraph 4: Please change “will faster slow down” to “will slow down faster”.
5. Methods, paragraph 4 (statistical analysis): I would recommend you break up the second sentence into two shorter sentences as it is currently very long (about 75 words). For example, you could stop the sentence after “T3-Finish” and start the next sentence with “This was done using repeated measures...”.

6. Methods, paragraph 4 (statistical analysis): Please remove the word “the” before “Greenhouse-Geisser”.

7. Methods, paragraph 4 (statistical analysis): Please change “segments seemed to be skewed” to “segments tend to be skewed” and change “arcsin” (in this instance) to “arcsine”.

8. Methods, paragraph 4 (statistical analysis): Please change “google earth” to “Google Earth”.

9. Methods, paragraph 4 (statistical analysis): Please change “two-sided” to “two-tailed”.

10. Results, paragraph 2: Please change “different to” to “different from”.

11. Results, paragraph 3: Please remove the word ‘the’ before ‘altitude’.

12. Discussion, paragraph 2: Please change “This results is” to “This result is” and I would also recommend you change the very strong word “astonishing” to “surprising”.

13. Discussion, paragraph 3: Please change “were able for” to “were able to achieve”. This same phrase can also be corrected in other parts of the manuscript as it occurs on a number of occasions.

14. Discussion, paragraph 5: Please restructure the sentence that begins “Renfree and St Clair Gibson…” so that the phrase “the influence of different performance levels on pacing strategy” is moved to before “in elite female marathoners…”. Also, please change “performance levels” to “performance standards”.

15. Discussion, paragraph 5: Please change the first and second instances of “25%” to “quartile” and “quartiles” respectively.

16. Discussion, paragraph 5: Please change “km 35” to “35 km”.

17. Discussion, paragraph 8: Please change “major predictor variable in 100 km” to “major predictor variable over 100 km”

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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I declare that I have no competing interests