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Reviewer reports:

First of all, we want to thank the reviewer to give us a second opportunity to improve the manuscript. All the suggestions have been considered and the requested modifications are now in the text, hoping to have correctly interpreted them and substantially modified the paper.

The manuscript has significantly improved. There are still a few issues to be addressed.

- We suggest to avoid the term "black" even in the acronym you use to describe one of the two study group. Please use AA or something similar, instead.

Thank you for this suggestion. We choose to change the name of the groups in AA (Afro-Caribbean athletes) and CA (Caucasian athletes), and we made all the necessary corrections in the paper.

- We strongly suggest again that the paper is reviewed by an English mother-tongue.
The paper has been revised by an English native-language teacher.

- LVH definition should be consistent with ASE/EACVI recommendations.
Thank you for this correction. We substituted LVH definition according to ASE/EACVI recommendations.

- Page 8, line 153: the added sentence is not very clear. Please, rephrase.
As you suggested, we tried to explain in a clearer way how we assessed RV morphology and function. The first was assessed by parasternal long axis view while the latter by 4 chambers apex view.

- Table 4, EF data have no p value
This was a mistake. We added the p values in the tables.