Reviewer’s report

Title: Anthropometric, physiological characteristics and rugby-specific game skills of schoolboy players of different age categories and playing standards

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Reviewer: Anthony Blazevich

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The authors have done a good job in responding to the comments. I think the changes have improved the paper, and it should move forward in the publication process. Before that, I noticed the following minor errors can be corrected before final submission:

Line 237: consider using 'anthropometric' rather than 'anthropometrical'. You correctly use 'anthropometric' elsewhere in the manuscript.
Line 239: change 'were on, average, commencing' to 'were, on average, commencing'.
Line 370: change 'These findings allows' to 'These findings allow'.
Figure 1 caption: change '2kg' to '2-kg' as you've done in the rest of the manuscript.

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