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## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Citywide trauma experience in Mwanza, Tanzania: A need for urgent intervention

**Version:** 1 **Date:** 6 August 2012

**Reviewer:** Gerrit Matthes

### **Reviewer's report:**

This paper is of particular interest for medical doctors engaged with world wide health care structures. Especially in connection with the ongoing WHO Decade of Action for Road Safety interesting numbers are presented. The authors suggest a marking of 7 of 8 authors revealing them as equal contributors.

This somewhat conflicts with the authors guidelines of scientific journals (<http://www.icmje.org/>).

Here the reviewer would suggest to specify the "author´s contributions" section to point out the individual input of each author.

***The statement "equal contributors" has been omitted and the individual input of each author has been specified in the "author´s contributions" section of the revised manuscript***

Regarding the methods- and discussion-section some additional information should be provided:

1. Since a comparingly high number of injuries to the body cavities (e.g. abdomen) is described: Which diagnostically tools (e.g. sonography, plain radiographs ore even ct-scans) are available?

***As recommended by the reviewer, the diagnostic tools available for injuries to the body cavities are clearly stated in the revised manuscript***

2. The authors point out a quite long waiting time within the hospital. Do they use a certain triage system to adjust the waiting to the injury severity?

***The use of triage system to adjust the waiting to the injury severity is clearly stated in the revised manuscript***

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

## **Reviewer's report**

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**Reviewer:** Uli Schmucker

### **Reviewer's report:**

Minor Essential Revisions

1. p.6: Please specify the inclusion criteria in a table

*Changes has been done in the revised manuscript*

2. p.6: Data were recorded using a questionnaire

*Changes has been done in the revised manuscript*

3. p.7: I suggest that the authors briefly explain “donkey” since many readers are not familiar with such means of transport. General: I suggest that the authors briefly explain the characteristics of “tetanus” – although a comparably rare event - since this disease/complication is almost unknown to many of the readers from industrialized countries

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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