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Dear Editors and Reviewers

RE: Re-submission of manuscript, Injury in China: A systematic review of injury surveillance studies conducted in Chinese hospital emergency departments

Once again we wish to both Reviewers for taking the time to review our manuscript.

Reviewer 2 (Nadine Schuurman) made a comment concerning the ‘...implications of a minimum injury surveillance data set across China and asked some questions about why such a trauma registry does not yet exist...” In response, we have made a number of changes and additions to the manuscript, these being:

1. We have altered the text in the Abstract as it relates to the Conclusion
2. We have inserted two paragraphs and a number of comments concerning the development of data systems more generally, and the challenges faced by China given conflicting developmental pressures. We also note that the establishment of trauma registry systems is relatively recent. These changes / additions can be found at pp.16-17. Note that we have added reference 56.

These two changes we believe address the comments made by Reviewer Dr Schuurman. Please note that we make direct reference to health policy refinements made possible due to data from such systems. This point is made in the Introduction and the Discussion.

We note that there were not comments by Reviewer 1 (Hans Morten Lossius).

Once again, we wish to thank the Reviewers for their thoughtful comments and sincerely hope that these changes are satisfactory. We believe that the manuscript has been enhanced by the comments made.

Sincerely

Dr Michael Fitzharris, on behalf of the Co-Authors.