Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk factors for recurrent injuries in victims of suspected non-accidental trauma: a retrospective cohort study

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Reviewer: Surender Kumar

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Well written article. should be considered for publication.

1. The authors must be congratulated for their efforts for identifying various risk factors for recurrent non-accidental trauma in pediatric patients. the article definitely has a potential in identifying these risk factors.

2. The author has not made clear whether an ethical clearance was obtained for the present work.

3. the authors should be more clearly describe how they minimized selection bias.

4. the psychological condition of the parents/ caretaker can also be considered as a risk factor for NAT.

5. The site of dislocation (eg elbow, knee, shoulder),wounds( abrasion, laceration, haematoma) and types of wound should be specified as a risk factor.

6. an attempt should be made to categorize the risk factor as mild, moderate and severe.

7. why median (median probability of death) was used in line no. 190.

8. reference for line number 64.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests