Author’s response to reviews

Title: An analysis of risk factors of non-fatal drowning among children in rural areas of Guangdong Province, China: A Case-Control Study

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Dear Editor,

Thanks very much for your comments on my manuscript (MS: 1283338908289666 An analysis of risk factors of non-fatal drowning among children in rural areas of Guangdong Province, China: A Case-Control Study).

Yes, we published a paper in Chinese to describe the incidence rate of nonfatal drowning. This paper was based on a cross-sectional survey conducted in 2006, which found that nonfatal drowning was a very serious public health problem for rural students. Therefore, we initiated a further study to evaluate the effect of safety education in 2007. Before this safety education intervention, a case-control study was conducted to examine risk factors of nonfatal drowning, which was expected to provide information for intervention. This manuscript reported the main findings of this case-control study, and sought to explore socioeconomic, environmental, and behavioral risk factors of nonfatal drowning of students in rural areas of Guangdong province, China. So the two manuscripts are from two different studies, the manuscript submitted to BMC Public Health is a further study based on the published paper in Chinese.

Your suggestions are very helpful to us. The previous paper in Chinese has been discussed in the revised manuscript (in Introduction and Discussion sections). I highlight the changes using red text in revised manuscript.

Thanks again!