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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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The following are my comments related with the paper "An analysis of risk factors of non-fatal drowning among children in rural areas of Guangdong Province, China: A Case-Control Study":

1. In table2, "warning sign around natural bodies of water", it should have 3 categories. If you combined two categories into one, the variable name may change accordingly, for example to "whether there are natural bodies of water". Same problem occurred in the variable "Using life vest in water in last 12 months"

2. Supervisor’s age ">=20" or ">=30" was protective factor? In text and in table, they are not consistent.

3. In table2, if the author gave the frequency numbers in each category it would be better for readers to know more about your sample and evaluate your models’ robustness.

4. How about the first aid or treatments after non-fatal drowning? How many were treated in emergency department and how many hospitalized? If the author can provide this information, it would be better.

5. In the discussion section, after "which is similar with fatal drowning data in China reported by Yang and Fang", the author should not make the statement "This indicates that the locations of nonfatal drowning are likely to be different between and within countries due to geographical and economic differences."

Summary: Minor Essential Revisions