Reviewer’s report

Title: Pre-hospital care among victims of road traffic injuries in Iran - A cross-sectional study on time intervals

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This is a useful paper but needs some work before I would support publication. The paper describes response times for an EMS service and also describes the epidemiology of road accident victims. On the face of it the response times are very good and the increased time of response to rural (interurban) locations is reasonable and logical.

I think that the paper could and should be shortened as the narrative strays into survival. Survival will depend on the severity of injury and the access to definitive care. To do this, we would need to know the patients’ trauma scores and details of management, levels of care provided by the receiving hospitals etc. This aspect is not available and therefore can only be referred to in very general terms.

The English needs some work and a review is recommended.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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