Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of martial art Injuries in a defined Canadian population: a descriptive epidemiological study

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Major revisions

This is an original contribution to the literature. More discussion is required of the definition of injury and the collection setting and its implications for the data collected. Is the dataset skewed by the location of the data collection? Compare to the literature for this purpose for each of the martial arts listed (where available).

With regard to the variables mentioned in the sub analyses, are there any models that you could put to explain the totality of the injuries observed.

Minor revisions

With the vignettes can we see percentage numbers for each of the common characteristics?

Is there any follow up data? Did any group of injuries require more follow-up than others. Discuss.

You have described age matched data. Usually in tournaments there is weight matching. Do you have any of that data?

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

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.