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This is a study of Injury mortality in Hubei province in China, comparing the mortality rates in rural versus urban population.

The study is well organized and presented.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
- There is a surprisingly high mortality rate of suicide in rural population that exceeds Road Traffic Injury mortality and is reported as high as 279.8 per 100,000 in the #65 age group in rural areas. This needs more explanation. Probable errors should be discussed too.
- The 95% confidence intervals (by using Poisson distribution assumptions) should be presented for mortality rate of every single cause of death, including Suicide.

Discretionary Revisions:
- Please include 95% confidence intervals in figures 1-4.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests