Reviewer's report

Title: Road traffic accident mortality in Vietnam: Evidence for policy from a national sample mortality surveillance system

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This is an interesting study in its field. The research has indicated many important issues on RTIs. However, there are many areas need to be added.

Background: If the researcher can possibly add a few paragraphs on VN road commuting context, there would be helpful for the readers to understand the situation clearly. The issues include road safety campaigns and events in relation to road traffic injuries.

Methods: In line 3 on page 5, VA need to be spelled out. The researcher may add a few sentence on capture and recapture here as well.

Result: According to the last sentence on page 6, it would be great if the researcher can state the connection between the use of surveillance and VA.

Discussion: The discussion issues, for example, motorcycles, helmet, and festival are very important areas in developing countries. When the researcher did not give much detail in advanced, it is quite difficult to understand VN situation from the study.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.