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Dear Dr. Audrey Ann Reyes,

We have made the modifications requested by the Associate Editor for the above indicated manuscript, and are re-submitting the new versión. Below find please the point-by-point description of the changes made.

Associate Editor’s Comments:

1. This paper reads well and would be of interest to readers but is not yet ready for peer review as it fails to anchor the research in previous literature and the broader international context. Given the results are qualitative, some
comparisons of the conclusions/recommendations to previous literature are needed to add weight to the validity and likely utility of the findings (otherwise it presents as opinion-based rather than evidence-based). These comparisons can be from other countries also and this would widen the interest for the international readership. The implications could also mention the potential relevance of this process for other low-middle income countries.

Answer: In the last section prior to Conclusions, we have included detailed examples from other developing countries that put into context our main conclusions/recommendations. These additions are included now in pages 16 (last paragraph), 17 (full page), 18 (full page) and 19 (first paragraph), along with the relevant references.

2. Also given the international readership, a paragraph in the Introduction that gives an overview of the current road safety problem in Peru (current crash problems/statistics available) would help set the context and the comparisons for other countries."

Answer: In Introduction we have included two paragraphs with information on the epidemiological pattern of RTIs in Peru (page 4, third and fourth paragraphs), as well as one illustrative Figure (Figure 2). In addition, to illustrate the position of Peru on quality of roads as compared with other Latin American countries, we have also included Figure 1 in this modified versión.

Sincerely yours,

Luis Huicho