Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of interventions on road traffic injuries in Peru: a qualitative approach

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General comments
It is a study which objective was to gain a deeper understanding of the different aspects and background for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of RTI interventions currently being implemented, so as to use them as inputs in the process of designing new RTI interventions or redesigning them for a better implementation.

The study is based on semi-structured interviews to key informants.

It is a manuscript where the authors posed the question well in the background with some information which justifies the importance of the topic. The methods are appropriate to the objective. The manuscript is well organized and clearly presented.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. In methodology, fourth paragraph, the authors refer their theoretical framework let them identify some assumptions, described in document, but they do not specify which their theoretical framework is really. Must be necessary to explain briefly which the theoretical perspective of the study is (i.e. Phenomenology, Grounded Theory, etc.), because it is important in order to evaluate methodological coherence in relation with the objective. In description of analysis, it is possible identify steps from Grounded Theory but it is necessary recognize if this perspective they applied to all the study or analysis only, which is totally possible.

2. The section results and discussion are not balanced, authors present results in a descriptive way but after that, they do not establish a dialogue with them, for instance they could discuss if those they assumed (described in methodology) were right or not, and why. However boxes where results are synthetized are very well.

3. Last paragraph of background section is related to methodology, so it is necessary to place correctly this information.

Discretionary Revisions
1. If extension permits it, authors must strengthen results with some quotations from informants; this is the evidence in qualitative studies.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. In table 1 clarify the meaning of “M&E system in place”

2. In the second paragraph of methodology, authors mention a semi-structured questionnaire which was applied to interviewees and the specific thematic issues which are considered for assembling the questionnaire, when the correct term should be an interview guide in both cases; questionnaire is a technique from another methodological perspective.

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.

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests