Reviewer’s report

Title: Trends in incidence and costs of upper extremity injuries in The Netherlands between 1986 and 2008

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Directionary Revisions:
1.) Numbered lines would be helpful for revision.
2.) Page 6: Paragraph Calculation of incidence rates and trends: A direct standardization method... Please specify the method.

Minor Essential Revisions:
3.) Page 3: Punctuation marks are missing after paragraphs Background and Results.
4.) Page 3: Paragraph Results: ...of which 190 million euro were paid for injuries sustained by women.
5.) Page 4: First Paragraph in Background: ...economic burden on the community.
6.) Page 4: Second Paragraph in Background: Few publications used a national injury database...
7.) Page 5, Methods: The first paragraph states: For this study, the upper extremity was separated into shoulder, arm, and wrist. If this means the hand was excluded, than this should be made clear and even added to the title.
8.) Page 7: Third paragraph in Results: Fracture injuries were mainly observed in the wrist and shoulder areas...
9.) Page 8: First Paragraph in Costs: ...5% and 10% of all injuries respectively. However, ...and third most expensive injuries.
10.) Page 11: Second Paragraph: Delete de after between and before cases recorded in the LIS...

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

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’