Reviewer's report

Title: Intervention of a new road safety policy was effective in the reduction of total accidents and fatalities in Ethiopia: An interrupted time series study

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Minor essential revisions
Title: revise. Perhaps- Effectiveness of new road safety policy in Ethiopia: an interrupted time series study

Throughout the script- term “accident” should be replaced by crash or injury. Injury epidemiologists do not concur with the use of “accident” which implies “inevitable” in research papers.

Article needs major editing.

Abstract- Background- what was the new/change in regulation. What happened differently post 2007?

Results are not clear as in which proportions are presented for which time duration/years?

Page 5- how many cases were excluded due to incomplete records? Was there any difference in proportion excluded before and after 2007?

So is conclusion, that enforcement is also required not just the regulation? Also is implementation evaluation important before effectiveness can be evaluated?

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.