Reviewer's report

Title: Deprived Children or Deprived Neighbourhoods? A public health approach to the investigation of links between deprivation and injury risk with specific reference to child road safety.

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Reviewer: Victor Kiri

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

In the author's own words, modelling could not have adequately addressed the issue of confounding by environmental factor(s). I suggest that the GLM approach is not needed and perhaps, same can be said for the GLMM approach. In my view, the study should be essentially descriptive, using Figures 1 to 3 (with correlation statistics, including P-values, etc.) and Tables 1 & 2. These results alone may be sufficient to arrive at a similar conclusion as has been reported.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes