Reviewer’s report

Title: Stages of development and injury: an epidemiological survey of young children presenting to an emergency department

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This is a nice review of childhood injuries in a single ED in a small area of Scotland. The authors replicate the findings of a previous study conducted in Canada. They reinforce the existing data about the relationship between developmental stage and injury mechanism. This study does not present any new information but does support existing literature.

The authors present both the mechanism and the trends in mechanism, the relationship between the two is not readily apparent.

While this is a nicely conducted study, it could be significantly improved by providing examples of how injury prevention efforts could be more targeted to address the injury mechanisms identified.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.