Reviewer's report

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I have read the revised paper and consider it to be a considerable improvement on the original. It is easier to read and follow. I don’t have any major remaining criticisms. The design could have been improved by the inclusion of reviewers from outside Australia and larger sample sizes but I suspect that these would not have changed the conclusions. I am still sceptical of the value of concepts such as positive predictive values (PPVs) in relation to injury surveillance but the majority of the panel has expressed an opinion that these are useful. It would be interesting to know why they think PPVs are useful in surveillance as distinct from screening or diagnostic tests but that would be the subject of a separate study.

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'