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I. Authors’ response to editor :
   1. The abstract is revised and limited to 350 words.
   2. The ethic evaluation and an official grant are described in “methods” section (see P.5,6).
   3. An acknowledgement section is added (see P.17).
   4. Other minor revisions are renamed (shown in red-colored).

II. Authors’ response to reviewer 1# :
   1. The authors add a figure to illustrate the nature of the data more clearly (see figure 1).
   2. More thorough explains are described in “results” section (see P.9: 1st paragraph) and “discussion” section (see P.12: 1st paragraph). More detailed characteristics of the studied population have been performed in table 1.
   3. The discussion about ISS and its modified application in the present study is added in “discussion” section (see P.12,13: 2nd paragraph). However, the external etiologies of these injuries, based on a variable within the data named “E-code”, are not available because of a higher incomplete coding rate (totally 32%).
   4. The discussion regarding the proportion of spinal injuries is added in “discussion” section (see P.12: 1st paragraph).
   4. Other minor revisions are corrected (shown in red-colored).

We hope that these changes respond satisfactorily to your requests.
We look forward to hear from you.

With regards

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