Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence and pattern of injuries in adolescent basketball players in Nigeria

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Major compulsory Revision

1. Methodology
Under the subheading 'data analysis', Level of significance used was stated as P<0.05. This was rather confusing. The exact level significance that divides the probability values into significant and non significant values should be stated.

2. Some aspects of the discussion have no relationship with the result and objectives of the study.

3. The authors should not discuss or relate studies by other researchers as if they were part of their findings.

4. Intrinsic causative factor discussed in paragraph 4 could not be traced to the results.

5. Technical statements gotten from literature should be referenced.

6. Figure 2 was not discussed. If the authors felt that it was not necessary, they should delete it from their results.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Definition of Injury
The definition was very unclear and confusing.

The definition should be rephrased to include both medical attention and time-loss injury, if that was the intention of the authors. More so a clear statement on inclusion and exclusion criteria should be stated.

2. The term 'Fall' used under the subheading 'causes of injury' is too general and conveys little meaning when used to describe mechanism of injury in sports injury studies. The authors should state the specific mechanisms leading to fall.

3. Under the subheading 'Types of injury and body parts', Sprain and strain cannot be described as a single injury. If possible they should be separated.

4. Discussion lacked sufficient comparison with other studies.

5. Paragraphs 1 and 3 appears unnecessary.

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.