Author’s response to reviews

Title: The Emergency Medical System (EMS) response to Iraqi pilgrims’ bus crash in Iran: A case report

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Dear reviewers:

Thank you for your great attention and care in reading and commenting on our manuscript. We did our best to modify our article based on your valuable comments. Please kindly see the following answers we have provided for your notes/comments and follow the changes made in the manuscript.

Thank you again,

The authors

Reviewer 1, Dr. Adewale Ogunnaike, MPH:

1. The translation should still be reviewed by a native English speaker because some of the information is lost to translation (i suppose).

   - Thanks for your valuable consideration. The article has been reviewed and edited by a native English editor. Attached, you can see the certification.

2. The Table 2 for injury types of victims should be reclassified to a more robust classification so that the frequency & percentages can communicate reasonable information. Suggested classification can be Head injury, limbs injury, trunk injury, spinal cord injury.

   - Table 2 has been reclassified in two categories of multiple trauma and single trauma. Since a number of pilgrims had suffered from two or several trauma (e.g. head and limb), it was statistically reasonable to put them in multiple trauma
category. Otherwise, an injured person could be placed in more than one category. That is, some patients with simultaneous trauma could be repeated in two or three categories and then, made the frequency percentage incorrect and unreasonable.

Reviewer 2, Dr. Fabian Kooij:

1. The authors have done a commendable effort in rewriting the manuscript into a case report, which fits the manuscript and the message they want to convey better I think.
   - Thanks for your great attention.

2. The reproachful tone that I perceived in the initial manuscript is much less. The English of the manuscript is still not good enough for publication however. This would need to be sorted. With the English corrected, the article would be suitable as a case report in my opinion.
   - The article has been reviewed and edited by a native English editor. Attached, you can find the certification.