Reviewer's report

Title: Do school crossing guards make crossing roads safer? A quasi-experimental study of pedestrian-motor vehicle collisions in Toronto, Canada

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Reviewer: Alex Quistberg

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Thank you for resubmitting this manuscript and for the opportunity to review it again. I appreciate the detailed and thorough responses to the revisions I suggested and I believe the manuscript is much clearer and stronger. I am glad to see this contribution to this important topic.

I have one minor revision to suggest:

There is one grammatical error on lines 201-202 that is missing the word "to" between "conducted" and "assess."

I have a discretionary revision that may help the second analysis:

Since you have the geographic locations of collisions, would it be possible to create a map of them relative to crossing guard locations? This is based on the response, "the intention of this 2nd analysis was not to look at the association between crossing guards and child pedestrian collisions, but to examine the locations of collisions with respect to the locations identified as needing a school crossing guard." This may help visualize the density of collisions relative to crossing guard locations.

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