Reviewer's report

Title: A prospective pilot cohort analysis of crash characteristics and pattern of injuries in riders and pillion passengers involved in motorcycle crashes in an urban area in Cameroon: lessons for prevention.

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Discretionary Revisions:

Although this study might be the avenue for further research in the African continent for exploring the factors affecting the injury severity of motorcycle riders, the study design and the findings were not anything out of the ordinary. Again, the authors declined to offer additional insights on explaining some of the findings related to the higher percentage of injured women pillion passengers aged over 40. Although, it is understandable that funding constraint restricted the authors to dig deeper to explain the results obtained from the study, it is the responsibility of the authors to provide valid reasoning for an obtained result. I completely agree with the reviewer 4 that the study should be extended beyond this pilot to increase the period of the study and the number of the subjects. The authors also declined to provide a description of the methods used in this study citing that the audience of this study is supposed to be only surgeons and health workers. That might not be the case in reality. But it is also important to get this one published as this study might be the starting point of a greater effort and study towards understanding the characteristics of motorcycle crash injury in this region of the world.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests