Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiology of non-fatal injuries among Egyptian children: a community-based cross-sectional survey

Version: 3 Date: 26 October 2015

Reviewer: Amy Schneeberg

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for your response to my comments, please find further questions/comments below.

Major essential revisions

1. It remains unclear how households with injured children were identified. Was a door to door survey done of all households? How many households were approached? Please clarify in the manuscript.

2. Please clarify how required sample size was determined in manuscript. What was the sample size calculated to be able to detect?

3. Pg 8, Line 13 – please indicate the # and % of questionnaires excluded due to missing data in the manuscript.

4. Pg 8, line 20 – it is unclear how the sample size went from 1977 to 1399. In the first line of your discussion it is stated that 1472 children were evaluated. How many children were included in the analytic sample, from how many households and how did you get to this number from the original 1977? Please clarify in manuscript.

5. Please address the fact that your analytic sample was below the required sample size you calculated a priori in limitations section and the implication of this smaller sample size.

6. Pg 10, line 13 – should ‘teo’ be ‘two’? There are a number of typos, missing words/symbols/spaces throughout this manuscript – please review.

7. The discussion for this paper remains cumbersome. I recommend focusing efforts to draw out and expand upon the main patterns and key points in your results that could be used to inform policy. The discussion should focus on what you are adding to the already existing literature and how this can be applied (and the limitations of your study). The implications section of the current discussion is a good start. I recommend using this section as the basis for a much more concise and reader friendly discussion.

8. Although both percentages and ratios are not required – crude numbers and percentages are. This allows reader to understand the sample size being discussed AND to put the finding into the context of the denominator. It is
recommended that both numbers and percentages be presented in both the results section and tables.

**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.