Author’s response to reviews

Title: A Decade of Road Traffic Fatalities among the Elderly in North-West Iran

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for asking me to make further changes to our last revision. It was really helpful and improved the quality of our manuscript.

We made changes based on your comments such as adding the research location everywhere needed, adding the reference where requested, adding clarifications and explanations, removing some unnecessary or less referable wordings, reordering a paragraph in discussion and so on.

The following responses are also given in more detail as follows.

1- With respect to your comment in introduction, we totally agree that applying the prior revision had led to a dissociation of content. We made some changes which also helped in reasoning the need for this research.

2- You had hinted a contradiction of two statements as follow:

… in inner city accidents such that they have a higher likelihood of getting to hospital in a shorter time and are as a result less likely to die before getting there….

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…. and the lower coverage of EMS transfer for inner city areas and pedestrians

Actually in first sentence we expected shorter time due to shorter distance from the accident scene to the hospital in inner city crashes compared to outer city crashes and not just due to mode of transfer (EMS).
We revised the first sentence referring to “distance” to improve the interpretability.

3- Regarding the jurisdiction in referring to a study by Bhalla et al. and the research location, although the researcher had an Indian name, the study was conducted in Iran. We clarified it in revised manuscript.

Best regards,

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