Reviewer’s report

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

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I thank the authors for addressing the reviewers' comments and questions. While I believe the authors have addressed many of my points on the surface, they have not succeeded in editing the paper so that the English is clear and readable. I do not believe the authors will be able to make this paper adequately readable for publication on further revision.

Some of the additions to the paper need further clarification. For example, the following sentence was added to the introduction without context saying in which part of the world this finding holds: "It has been shown that younger adults have higher risk of being involved in non-fatal crashes, the elderly have the highest total death rates, largely because of pedestrian crashes."

It is not the case in some higher-income countries that the elderly's high death rate is largely because of pedestrian crashes.

The same is true of the following sentence in the discussion, which is meaningless without a region attached to it: "Pedestrian victim injuries have also been to cause about 4/5 elderly traffic injuries."

Where? The preceding paragraph mentions multiple regions of the world (Australia and Iran), but it looks like the citation is for a study conducted in China.

Abstract, results, 1st sentence: I said in my original review to not say that "about" 14.4% of fatalities were elderly because this figure was not an approximation, but a sentence can't start with a numeral. Please start the sentence with a word. This sentence repeats itself in the results, and there are other sections of the paper where sentences start with numerals as well.

Some of the conclusions of the paper are still a stretch based on the data that are presented. For example, the authors did not address this point from my original review: The authors also argue that older traffic victims are more often pedestrians because older people are less willing and able to drive. While this seems logical, again, it would be helpful to cite statistics to back this up. Older people also drive less than the rest of the population in westernized countries like the United States, but are not as likely to be pedestrians when fatally injured as in Iran.
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