Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploring the burden of fatal drowning and data characteristics in three high income countries: Australia, Canada and New Zealand

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Thank you for conducting an interesting study in the field of drowning prevention.

According to the study objective authors described data collection and coding, examined fatal drowning data of three countries and compared crude drowning rates. The study also examined the demographic risk factor of drowning. However, the conclusion was made only on data description.

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