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1. Please clarify whether the collection of patient data for the trauma registry was part of standard care at the time.

Where patient data is collected specifically for a study informed consent to participate is required. Where patient data has been taken from medical records, and other data collected as part of standard care, informed consent to participate is not required. In either case a statement on whether consent was obtained, or why it was not required, is needed in the Ethics and consent to participate section.

-> We clarify the nature of the trauma registry and why informed consent was not required in Study design and participants section (line 9-11)

"The trauma registry was originally developed as a part of Emergency Department-based Injury In-depth Surveillance conducted by the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Informed consent was not needed because the data were collected without identifiable personal information."
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