Reviewer's report

Title: Willingness to administer mouth-to-mouth ventilation in a first response program in rural Bangladesh

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The Authors stated that in Bangladesh drowning is the first cause of cardiac arrest. This is a particular case of cardiac arrest that is to say an hypoxic cardiac arrest. In the discussion session the author stated that for drowning victims the mouth-to-mouth ventilation is required. As a matter of fact both in the American Heart Association guidelines (Circulation 2010;122:s685-s705) and in the ILCOR guidelines (Resuscitation 2010;81:e48-e70) chest compressions only CPR is recommended for untrained rescuers or for rescuers who are not willing to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation. This is an important topic because it has been demonstrated that a good amount of rescuers would not perform any kind of resuscitation cause of the presence of the mouth-mouth ventilation in the BLS sequence (Resuscitation 2014; 85:e95-e96). I would like to know which kind of CPR would be willing to perform the rescuers who are not willing to perform mouth to mouth ventilation; chest compression only CPR? No CPR at all?

Please number your comments and divide them into

- Major Compulsory Revisions

The author should verify if the rescuers who would not perform mouth to mouth ventilation. This is an important topic because some of them would not perform CPR at all. On the contrary some rescuers would perform chest compression only CPR.

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

- Minor Essential Revisions

none

The author can be trusted to make these. For example, missing labels on figures, the wrong use of a term, spelling mistakes.

- Discretionary Revisions

none

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