

# Review of: "A Review of the Processes and Procedures of Road Traffic Accident Mortality Data Collection in Zambia"

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**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on your paper. Your efforts in addressing road safety issues, especially in the context of Zambia, are commendable. I have a few comments and suggestions that I believe could enhance the quality and clarity of your work:

- **Utilizing the Latest Statistics:** It is crucial to ensure that the paper incorporates the most recent statistics available. Consider updating the data with information from the WHO Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023 for a more current and accurate representation of the road safety scenario ([Launch of the Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023 \(who.int\)](#)).
- **Referencing in the Introduction:** I recommend reconsidering the necessity of references 2 to 3 and 5 in the second and third sentences of the introduction. A more concise introduction without these references might improve the overall flow and readability of your paper.
- **Country-Specific Analysis - for Example, Economic Burden Estimation:** When discussing the economic burden of road traffic crashes (RTCs) in Zambia, consider referring to the methodologies outlined in [Guide for Road Safety Opportunities and Challenges: Low and Middle Income Country Profiles | GRSF \(roadsafetyfacility.org\)](#). This resource can guide you in estimating a country-specific economic burden, even if direct estimates for Zambia are unavailable.
- **Framework for Evaluation Methodology:** For the evaluation methodology of Zambia's RTC, it would strengthen your paper to reference a specific framework. The Guidelines for Conducting Road Safety Data Reviews, available on the Global Road Safety Facility website ([Guidelines for Conducting Road Safety Data Reviews | GRSF \(roadsafetyfacility.org\)](#)), could serve as a valuable reference in this regard.
- **Consistency in Terminology:** Ensure uniformity in the use of key terms such as "RT crash" and "RT collision." Consistent terminology throughout the paper will contribute to a clearer and more cohesive presentation. Without a clear distinction between these terms, recommendations may come across as overly general.

I hope you find these comments constructive and valuable for the improvement of your paper.

Best regards,