

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

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I am glad to take part in the reviewing process of this paper. Thank you for the chance to review.

The article is original and interesting, but it is a report of an issue rather than focusing on scientific investigation. This will make me not sure enough that this article has the integrity to be published in scientific journals. Whereas, if the authors study the issue according to scientific investigation guidelines and procedures, I recommend the article will put additional literature in the scientific studies.

Here below are some comments to be included in the revised manuscript.

Title

Should be precise and not repeat words with the same intention/meanings like processes and procedures. You need to include the detailed procedures if the Zambia road accident mortality data collection process is contained in the discussion part of the paper.

It is better to use road accident or traffic accident instead of "road traffic accident."

Road accidents can be categorized as serious/heavy injury (including death/mortality), seldom/moderate injury, and light injury. The authors of this paper are focusing on the mortality data collection only. What about the other road accidents data collection processes? Why do you only focus on mortality/death?

The title needs clarification.

Abstract

An abstract should be a concise summary of the entire study. It is an original work, not an excerpted passage. An abstract must be fully self-contained and make sense by itself, without further reference to outside sources or to the actual paper.

The abstract should be structured or include a brief background/introduction, methods, findings/results, and conclusions.

The authors should mention the problem statement, significance of the paper, and aims to be achieved in the study.

Quantitative data results should be mentioned in the abstract. The study, in the abstract, seems like descriptive writing (qualitative writing); it simply describes the issue rather than "why" it was studied.

General comments

The authors should refer to the guidelines of the journal for authors.

The authors should refer back to the organization of the paper.

The methodology part of the study is not clear. The authors should mind the spatial characteristics of road accidents for data sources.

In the discussion section, the mentioned data sources are not enough to develop a recommendation/conclusion.

Punctuation and comma usages should be revised.

The authors should also refer to the spatial/built environment of the study area to enhance the paper.