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Title of the Manuscript:	Transporting snake bite victims to appropriate health facility to save lives through toll free emergency ambulance service in India
Type of the Article	Original Research Paper

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Context of the study The context of the study is not very clear. For example, are these rural areas? If so what do the road conditions look like? Does the road condition facilitate or constrain Ambulance services? What are the distances to the nearest health facilities and how does the distance matter in all these? From the point of view of Ambulance operators and paramedics, it is important to show the challenges/constraints they face in their efforts to respond to the emergency calls and save the lives of snake bite victims. This is important for designing rural health policy and planning. Other comments/grammar/editorial Edits need to be done throughout the paper. For example -Line 18, the word "before" needs to be taken out -There must be consistency, for example, in Line 15 the author has written 29,231 it follows that figures such as 28206 in Line 16, 27805 etc must be 28,206 and 27,805. See also Lines 101 and 102. These need to be changed throughout the paper -The sentence after the full-stop at the end of "hospital" in Line 18 with part in Line 19 is poorly constructed. It reads "Type of hospitals, patients transported and admitted to were Government 23822, Private 2583 and Trust 193." -Line 31, the way the Key words have been stated	



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	departs from the conventional way of stating key words -Line 31, does the author mean NOT or MOT? -Lines 51 and 52 are incomplete -Lines 91, 92, 93, and 94 are not clear. Too long and convoluted -In Line 97, does the author mean “ambulance?” -No reference is made to Figure 1 in Line 105. No reference is made to Table 1 in Line 107 -It appears that the percentage distribution of sample of Snake bites cases for the year 2014 (Figure 1) does not add up to 100% -The sentence in Lines 121 and 122 is not clear due to the introduction of the ‘full stop’ at the end of ‘arrival’ -In Line 124 it is not clear which of the Figures are being referred to as 2, 3 and 4. -No reference is made to the Figure showing the “Types of Hospital Admissions’ -No reference is made to Table 6 in the text -Not sure why ‘y’ in Young in Line 152 must be capital letter -A lot of grammatical errors, for example, in Line 154, instead of our study supports, it is presented as ‘our study support’.... -Not sure why ‘&’ be used in Line 155 instead of ‘and’ -The sentence in Line 155 to 158 is not clear. Looks like there are punctuation problems with the text -The paper needs a lot of editing work, see ‘differen’ in Line 180 -What does the author want to present from Lines 187 to 203? Are these recommendations? If so then they must be clear in terms of the target. That is, are these meant for health staff or ordinary people or snake bite victims? -It is not clear what the Figure in Line 206 and 207 is meant for. Is this a recommendation? Who is it meant for? Need to be mentioned in the text as Figure X or Y and	
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	connected to the discussion on recommendations	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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