

Author's response to reviews

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Our reviewers provided several excellent suggestions. First, they recommended that the paper be refocused as a description of the history and development of the TMP, with a de-emphasis of the patient data collected by the TMP health workers. Changes were made to augment details of the TMP history, health worker background, and community context of the TMP.

Second, our reviewers suggested that the data collected on patient injuries and survival, while interesting, did not provide adequate basis to make any conclusions regarding the effect of the TMP on health care outcomes. This was due to the lack of baseline data as point for comparison. Thus, in the current draft, data is included, but purely as a descriptive feature.

Third, our reviewers felt that the TMP should not be compared to other trauma programs previously described in the literature, since these trauma programs differ too greatly in terms of health worker profiles, available resources, and community context. These comparisons were removed.

