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The following corrections (in bold) need to be made to the

article:

``At first the European insurance industry wouldn't pay because it's so expensive,'` said Dr. Olivier Wenker, an associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and a former trauma surgeon with the Swiss Air Rescue. ``But they realized it was cheaper in the long run if the helicopter goes and picks them up.'`

So-called "scoop-and-run" missions can save precious minutes. Direct air evacuation to the best suited hospital saves not only lives, but often decreases the damage caused by brain and spinal injuries, Wenker says.

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