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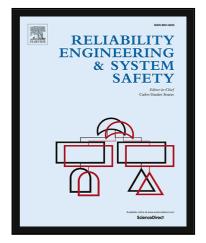
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Highlights:

- A method and an index is proposed for road safety evaluation based on ER approach
- Risk can be expressed by several degrees and confidence values instead of one definite figure
- Index is suited to the objective nature of evaluations with a degree of uncertainty
- Results of a case study show good consistence with the method based on accident records
- Index enables safety managers to make better decisions with consideration of uncertainties

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