Reviewer's report

Title: Pre-Hospital Treatment of Acute Poisonings in Oslo

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Reviewer: Paul Dietze

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The authors have been responsive to the queries that have been raised, but there are some extremely minor changes still required.

Minor essential revisions
While I can appreciate that a professional editing service has been used, the classification paragraph needs to be changed to reflect the singular nature of a 'main' agent as follows:
"..., only one main suspected agent was recorded (except..."
"...and ambulance service considered the same agent..."
"...in the ambulance was..."
"...another agent was considered..."

The new odds ratios inserted into the paper should have the same precision as the other statistics presented in text and should therefore be presented to one decimal place. The parentheses around these statistics need to be checked carefully to make sure that they are consistent.

The easiest way to remove the ambiguity around the variables included in the logistic regression would be to simply state in the statistics section what the variables are. Simply add this to the end of the statement "The variables were selected primarily for their clinical importance" so that it reads "The variables entered into this analysis, selected primarily for their clinical importance, included age, gender..." This then makes the sentence about the search for gender interactions reasonably clear.

Discretionary revisions
In the classifications paragraph I would add the word 'other' to the final sentence such that it reads "Various other kinds of..."

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests