Reviewer's report

**Title:** Number of substances used related to increased risk for unnatural death. A Combined Medico-Legal and Case-Record Study.

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**Reviewer:** Graham Jones

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The concerns expressed have been addressed by the authors. I accept that although the data is more than 10 years old, that the analysis may still be relevant today.

However, there appears to be a discrepancy in the reference numbering. Ref #36 is not cited for the first time until after ref #43. Refs #34 & 35 do not appear to be cited within the text of the manuscript.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'