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Concerns from editor: The revised road safety policy described in the introduction, could be added to the methods section. It is important to describe what the change was in better detail.

Authors' response for editor: Thank you dear editor for your important concern, we included the status of the revised road safety policy implementation in a better detail in both the introduction part and method part under the sub-section statistical analysis.

Concern from the reviewer: The issue of clarity related with the implementation of the new road safety policy

Authors' response for reviewer: Thank you for your concern, we tried to present briefly how the new road safety policy implemented as follows:

The revised road safety policy include the new road safety laws (banning of cell phone conversation, unbelted driving and not using motorcycle helmet) and the amendment of the existing road safety laws (excessive speeding, impaired driving with alcohol and Khat and unsafe loading) which was implemented as of September 2007. Prior to September 2007, road safety enforcement in Oromia Regional State implemented by police officer using less strict enforcement with low penalty. On the other hand, the existing and the newly enacted road safety laws were implemented in a coordinated way (traffic police and transport expert) using a stricter law enforcement to the extent of drivers’ licence suspension. Seat belt wearing, helmet use and unsafe loading were enforced by using a roadside random check up on a regular basis; however, lack of road safety instruments like; radar and breath analyzer hinder the implementation of speeding and alcohol intoxication.