Reviewer's report

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First of all, I would like to thank the auteurs for their reply and the changes in the manuscript. From my point of view, the paper has improved a lot. However, there is still a question (which was also asked by another reviewer) which is not answered yet: I would like to see some more elaboration on how the road safety policy was put into operation. The authors explained that higher penalty rates were introduced for using cell phones, seat belts, helmets, alcohol and Khat. But was this purely a matter of additional laws (i.e. on paper regulations) or did the enforcement changed too? So where there for instance additional enforcement control actions (for instance for seatbelt and helmet use you do not need specific technical tools to control this)? If yes, please describe the frequency and the type of control. If no, please clarify more in detail that it was just a matter of additional laws which were not additionally enforced. I think it is important to describe very clearly what the road safety policy was so other countries can learn from you which method/approach was effective.

When the authors can take this comment into account in their paper, I would like to accept the paper for publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.