Reviewer's report

Title: Global burden of injuries attributable to alcohol consumption in 2004

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Reviewer: Roderick McClure

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This is a well conceived, carefully conducted study in an area of major public health importance. The analysis, interpretation and reporting of the study findings reflect a thorough knowledge of the literature and contemporary methods. The methods and measures used in this paper are, as the authors suggest, an important refinement on those previously used to establish the global burden of alcohol-related injuries. The data used by the authors for risk ratios are drawn from studies recognised to be the leading papers in the field. The statistical analyses are sound and appropriate.

The manuscript is carefully considered, well structure and clearly written. The discussion of the paper appropriately acknowledges the limitations inherent in estimated measures of global burden. The conclusions of the paper are consistent with the study methods and results. This is a substantial piece of work, and provides the basis for policy development and subsequent monitoring.

It is rare that papers are as meticulously presented as this is. The authors are to be congratulated for this important contribution to knowledge.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'