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RE: Reviewer's report
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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I have carefully read the comments made by the editors and have attached to this letter the suggested changes made to the manuscript.

The authors wish to thank you and the editors for the time and effort made to evaluate this manuscript.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Editor’s comments:**
There are a few concerns which need to be addressed and the following additional revisions are mandatory:
Please refine tables and adhere to the following sequence: raw nominators and denominators, followed by percentages.

*The tables have been re-formatted as requested.*

Since Mantel-Haenszel-statistics were used, readers need information about both raw and stratified results. Please provide unadjusted and adjusted odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals.

*The Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Chi-square test, stratified by age, gender, and injury severity score (ISS), was used to compare the ETOH > 80 group against the ETOH = 0 group with respect to these outcomes and odds ratios were calculated for binary outcomes. Both stratified and unstratified odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals were constructed. (see page 6 and Tables 1 and 3, highlighted copy)*