Reviewer’s report

Title: Resource Utilization and Outcomes of Intoxicated Drivers

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions: None
2. Minor Essential Revisions: None
3. Discretionary Revisions:

The manuscript may be strengthened if the following questions are addressed in the discussion: 1. Of the 745 patients not tested for alcohol, what percentage were transferred from outside facilities and is there admission alcohol level data available for these patients? 2. Why were the remaining patients, i.e. those of the 745 that were direct admits but without alcohol level data, not tested for alcohol? Did your institution selectively test trauma admits for alcohol during the time of this study, and if so, is that process the same now?

3. How many of the EtOH >80 patients have an ISS score of 0 (i.e. no AIS injury?). It appears you compared means of ISS scores which might alter the analysis of the data if there was a large number of uninjured, but intoxicated patients in this group.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.