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27 **Abstract**

28 **Background:** The car accident injury level is known to be a result of a complex interaction of
29 factors to drivers' behavior, vehicle characteristics and environmental condition. Therefore it is
30 obvious that identifying the contribution of the factors to the accident injury is very critical.

31 The objective of study was to perform descriptive analysis to see the characteristics of car
32 accident, to assess the prevalence and determinants of road safety practices in Mekelle City,
33 Tigray, Ethiopia.

34 **Methods:** A random sample of data was extracted from traffic police office from September
35 2014- July 2017. An ordered logistic regression model was used to examine factors that worsen
36 the car accident level.

37 **Result:** A total sample of 385 car accidents were considered in the study of which 56.7% were
38 fatal, 28.6% serious and 14.7% slight injury. The model estimation result showed that, being
39 experienced drivers (Coef. = 0.686; p-value <= 0.050) were found to increase the level of injury.
40 On the other hand, being private vehicle (Coef. = -1.160; p-value <= 0.010), the type of accident
41 of vehicle with pedestrian (Coef. = -2.852; p-value <= 0.010), being heavy truck (Coef. = -0.656;
42 p-value <= 0.050), being a cross country buss (Coef. = -0.889; p-value <= 0.050) and being
43 owner of vehicle is the driver himself (Coef. = -.690, p-value <= 0.050) were found to decrease
44 the level of car accident injury severity.

45 **Conclusion:** In conclusion, it is better to create continued awareness to those who are
46 experienced drivers, who carelessly follow the traffic rules. Special attention is required to
47 government owned vehicle drivers, as they were found to increase the level of car accident injury
48 through different short term trainings.

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51 **Key Words: Car accident, Ordered Logistic Regression, Injury Level**

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71 **Background**

72 Worldwide, 1.2 million people are killed and up to 50 million injured each year (WHO, 2013). In
73 2020, road traffic injuries are projected to become the 3rd largest cause of disabilities in the world
74 (Odero & Ayuku, 2003).

75 Current and projected trends in motorization indicated that the problem of RTAs will get worse,
76 leading to a global public health crisis. It has been indicated that, accordingly, by 2020 traffic
77 accident is expected to be the third major killer after HIV/AIDS and TB (Peden et al., 2004).

78 Transportation is one of the basic necessities for the simple functioning of societies as its
79 demand is greatly related to the movement of people from one place to another. Since every
80 bustle of human being has its own consequences (positive or negative) transport is not an
81 exception to this circumstance. In connotation to Rallis, T., (Rallis, 1977) have stated that the
82 constraints associated with transport include the risk of traffic mobbing, traffic coincidence,
83 pollution, noise, and the like. Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs) are among the most damaging
84 environmental effects, which have caused from transportation development. Road safety,
85 therefore, urges serious concern worldwide.

86 RTAs have turned out to be a huge global public health and development problem killing almost
87 1.2 million people a year and wounding or disabling about 20-50 million people more; the
88 combined population of five of the world's large cities (Goswami & Sonowal, 2009). The
89 statistical profile reflects that in 2002, RTAs charged the global community about US \$ 518
90 billion.

91 In similar manner (WHO, 2013) reports that; Road traffic injuries are a major but neglected
92 global public health disruptive, necessitating concerted sweats for actual and sustainable
93 prevention. Of all the systems that people have to pact with on a daily basis, road transport is the

94 most composite and the most dangerous. The catastrophe behind these figures regularly attracts
95 less media courtesy than other, less recurrent but more unusual types of tragedy.

96 **Method**

97 A cross sectional study was conducted for secondary data found from Mekelle Zone Traffic
98 Police Office. Accidents are recorded by the traffic police on daily basis. This study was,
99 therefore, based on a secondary data extracted from Mekelle Traffic Control and Investigation
100 Department. The observations were random sample accidents that occurred over the recent three
101 consecutive years (September 2014- July 2017). Mekelle City is located in the northern part of
102 Ethiopia in Tigray National Regional State, Mekelle Zone at a distance of 783 km from Addis
103 Ababa, Ethiopia.

104 The sample size was calculated using single population proportion formula by taking 20%
105 prevalence of car accident for low income countries (Organization, 2009), for there is no clear
106 prevalence calculated for Mekelle city or for any other Ethiopia region. And with 95%
107 confidence level for, 4% desired precision and accounted for one stage sampling, the calculation
108 procedures and the sample size were as follows:

$$109 \quad n = \frac{(Z_{\alpha/2})^2 * P(1 - P)}{d^2}$$

110 **Wheren** = the required Sample size

111 Z= the standard score corresponding to 95% CI, and is equal to 1.96

112 P= the prevalence of car accident for low income countries (20%)

113 d^2 = margin of error which is taken as 4% (0.04) Using the above formula

$$n = \frac{(Z_{\alpha/2})^2 * P(1 - P)}{d^2}$$

$$n = \frac{(1.96)^2 * 0.2(1 - 0.2)}{(0.04)^2}$$

$$n = 384.16 \cong 385$$

117 Systematic sampling technique was used to select the study participants (accidents recorded).

118 The total registered number of accidents in the office for the three consecutive years (Sept. 2014
 119 – Aug. 2017) were 4500, then when we divide to the sample size (385), it became 11.69
 120 approximately 12. Then we randomly select one accident from the total and then continued to
 121 select the next 12th record, and then the next 12th record, ..., then ended up to the determined
 122 sample size (385). Data were collected from the daily registration book of the traffic police
 123 office. It was extracted by well informed collectors under supervision of the authors. Training
 124 was provided to the data collectors for three consecutive days on the purpose of the study, the
 125 contents of the extraction sheet prepared by the authors, particularly on issues related to
 126 confidentiality of the office.

127 **Operational definitions**

128 **Fatal accident:** At least one person (driver, passenger or pedestrian) died, within 30 days, from
 129 injuries received as a result of an RTC.

130 **Severe Injury:** At least one person was injured and admitted in hospital, but no deaths occurred.

131 **Slight injury:** At least one person required medical care, but no fatalities or injuries that required
 132 hospitalization occurred.

133 **Property Damages:** Collisions which did not result in injuries or deaths.

134 **Objectives of the Study**

- 135 ➤ To explore the nature and incidence of car accident at different levels.
- 136 ➤ To assess the effect of multiple covariates in different levels of car accident.

137 ➤ To identify the most determinant factors of car accident using Logistic Regression
138 models.

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140 We use the Logistic Regression Model (LRM) whenever our response variable is a categorical
141 (qualitative nominal type variable) or in short the response variable is binary or dichotomous
142 furthermore the difference between logistic and linear regressions remains upon both the choice
143 of parametric model and in the assumptions(Al-Ghamdi, 2002).That is after accommodating the
144 differences; the methods applied in an analysis using logistic regression follow the same general
145 principles used in linear regression analysis.

146 But ordered logit model also ordered logistic regression or proportional odds model, is an ordinal
147 regression model—that is, a regression model for ordinal dependent variables(McCullagh, 1980).
148 For example, if one question on a survey is to be answered by a choice among "poor", "fair",
149 "good", and "excellent", and the purpose of the analysis is to see how well that response can be
150 predicted by the responses to other questions, some of which may be quantitative, then ordered
151 logistic regression may be used. It can be thought of as an extension of the logistic regression
152 model that applies to dichotomous dependent variables, allowing for more than two (ordered)
153 response categories.

154 The model only applies to data that meet the *proportional odds assumption*, the meaning of
155 which can be exemplified as follows. Suppose the proportions of members of the statistical
156 population who would answer "poor", "fair", "good", "very good", and "excellent" are
157 respectively p_1 , p_2 , p_3 , p_4 , p_5 . Then the logarithms of the odds (not the logarithms of the
158 probabilities) of answering in certain ways are:

$$\text{poor, } \log \frac{p_1}{p_2+p_3+p_4+p_5}, \quad 0$$

$$\text{poor or fair, } \log \frac{p_1+p_2}{p_3+p_4+p_5}, \quad 1$$

$$\text{poor, fair, or good, } \log \frac{p_1+p_2+p_3}{p_4+p_5}, \quad 2$$

$$\text{poor, fair, good, or very good, } \log \frac{p_1+p_2+p_3+p_4}{p_5}, \quad 3$$

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160 The proportional odds assumption is that the number added to each of these logarithms to get the
 161 next is the same in every case. In other words, these logarithms form an arithmetic
 162 sequence(McCullagh, 1980). The model states that the number in the last column of the table—
 163 the number of times that that logarithm must be added—is some linear combination of the other
 164 observed variables.

165 The coefficients in the linear combination cannot be consistently estimated using ordinary least
 166 squares. They are usually estimated using maximum likelihood. The maximum-likelihood
 167 estimates are computed by using iteratively reweighted least squares.

168 Examples of multiple ordered response categories include bond ratings, opinion surveys with
 169 responses ranging from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree," levels of state spending on
 170 government programs (high, medium, or low), the level of insurance coverage chosen (none,
 171 partial, or full), and employment status (not employed, employed part-time, or fully
 172 employed)(McCullagh, 1980).

173 Suppose the underlying process to be characterized is

$$y^* = \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon,$$

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175 Where y^* is the exact but unobserved dependent variable (perhaps the exact level of agreement
 176 with the statement proposed by the pollster); X^T is the vector of independent variables, ε is the
 177 error term, and β is the vector of regression coefficients which we wish to estimate. Further
 178 suppose that while we cannot observe y^* we instead can only observe the categories of response

$$y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y^* \leq \mu_1, \\ 1 & \text{if } \mu_1 < y^* \leq \mu_2, \\ 2 & \text{if } \mu_2 < y^* \leq \mu_3, \\ \vdots & \\ N & \text{if } \mu_N < y^* \end{cases}$$

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 180 Where the parameters; μ_i are the externally imposed endpoints of the observable categories. Then
 181 the ordered logit technique will use the observations on y , which are a form of censored data on
 182 y^* , to fit the parameter vector β .

183 In ordinal logistic regression model, there are two classifications namely binary and multinomial.
 184 There are particular events when the scale of multiple category outcomes is not nominal but
 185 ordinal. In such setting, one could use the multinomial logistic regression. This analysis however
 186 would not take in to account the ordinal nature of the outcome and hence the estimated odds ratio
 187 may not address the questions asked of the analysis (Hosmer & Lemeshow, 2000b)

188 If an outcome variable y has c ordered categories ($c \geq 2$), which we arbitrarily refer to as
 189 $1, \dots, c$ and also there are k covariates x_1, \dots, x_k an ordinal regression model is defined by

$$\log \left[\frac{\Pr(y \leq j)}{\Pr(y \geq j + 1)} \right] = \alpha_j + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k, \quad \text{Where } j = 1, \dots, c - 1.$$

The regression coefficients e^{β_j} have a similar interpretation as for ordinary logistic regression. Specifically,

$$e^{\beta q} = \frac{(\text{odds that } y \leq j | x_q = x)}{(\text{odds that } y \leq j | x_q = x - 1)}$$

$$q = 1, \dots, k$$

$$j = 2, \dots, k$$

Odds ratio for $y \leq j$ given $x_q = x$ vs $x_q = x - 1$ holding all other variables constant

190 If $c = 2$, then the ordinal logistic regression model reduces to ordinary logistic regression. In
 191 ordinal regression, $e^{\beta q}$ is assumed to be the same for each value. This type of ordinal regression
 192 model is called a cumulative odds or proportional odds ordinal logistic regression model
 193 (Rosner, 2010).

194 **Assumptions of logistic regression model**

195 Inferences drawn from statistical modeling are valid when key assumptions of the statistical
 196 model are satisfied (Rosner, 2010). For the case of logistic regression analysis, the following
 197 criteria are assumed to be satisfied.

- 198 1. **The dependent variable** is measured on an ordinal level.
- 199 2. One or more of the independent variables are either continuous, categorical or ordinal.
- 200 3. **No Multi-collinearity** - i.e. when two or more independent variables are highly
 201 correlated with each other.
- 202 4. **Proportional Odds** - i.e. that each independent variable has an identical effect at each
 203 cumulative split of the ordinal dependent variable.
- 204 5. **Logistic regression** requires large sample sizes as compared to simple linear regression
 205 or multiple linear regressions.

206 **Parallel Lines Assumption**

207 In ordinal logistic regression models there is an important assumption which belongs to
 208 ordinal odds. According to this assumption parameters should not change for different
 209 categories. In other words, correlation between independent variable and dependent variable
 210 does not change for dependent variable's categories; also parameter estimations do not change

211 for cut-off points. In an ordinal logit regression, when the assumption holds for $j - 1$ logit
212 comparison in a J categorized variable, α_{j-1} cut-off points and β_{j-1} parameters are
213 found. At this point ordinal logistic model differs from multinomial logistic regression.

214 Dependent variables which are analyzed in the majority of researches and applied studies are
215 generally in categorical and ordinal structure. Ordinal Logit Models that consider the ordinal
216 structure of the dependent variable are used in case where the dependent variable has at least 3
217 categories with these categories ordinally arranged, i.e. severe of disease (mild, moderate,
218 severe) or the educational level (elementary, high, university) (Hosmer & Lemeshow, 2000a).

219 Ordinal logistic regression describes the relationships between an ordered response variables and
220 a set of predictor variables that can be continuous discrete, or a mixed of any of these. In ordinal
221 logistic regression analysis we have three types commonly used model: the Adjacent-category,
222 the continuation ratio and proportional odds models.

223 There are various ordinal logit models to compare dependent variable categories. Easiest of these
224 to apply or interpret are Cumulative Logit Models. Cumulative Logit Models are divided into 3
225 groups as Proportional Odds Model (POM), Non-Proportional Odds Model (NPOM) and Partial
226 Proportional Odds Model (PPOM). Not like the Multinomial Logit Models, Cumulative Logit
227 Models are work under the assumption of cumulative logit parallelity. But parallel lines
228 assumption sometimes does not hold, in this case Proportional Odds Model gives incorrect
229 results. Therefore models that consider ordinal structure and relax the assumption are suggested.
230 NPOM and PPOM are recently used for this purpose (Hosmer & Lemeshow, 2000b).

231 **Cumulative Logit Models**

232 Various logit formats are used to compare dependent variable categories in ordinal logistic
233 models. But cumulative logits are the easiest models when it comes to interpret or apply. Like

234 the other logit models, odds ratios are calculated to find cumulative probabilities in cumulative
235 logit models. There are $j - 1$ ways to compare j categorized dependent variable Y . Equality
236 shows odds ratio of dependent variable Y for $(\geq 1, < 1; \geq 2, < 2; \dots \geq -1, < -1)$ (Kleinbaum & Klein,
237 2010).

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239 **Results**

240 Descriptive Statistics

241 The number of randomly selected accidents were 385, of which 56.7% of the injury was slight
242 injury, 28.6% were serious injury, 14.7% of the accidents were fatal injury. The distribution of
243 accident injury level by background characteristics are illustrated in Table 1. In addition to the
244 distribution, the association between the injury level and associated factors also shown in Table 1
245 using the chi-square test of association. Years of experience, vehicle ownership (employed or
246 self), vehicle type, and vehicle owner (private or governmental) are found to be significantly
247 associated with the level of accident injury (Table 1).

248 Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis

249 This section focused on regression analysis undertaken to test the relative predictive power of
250 socio-demographic and environmental covariates with severity of car accident injury. In this
251 study ordinal logistic regression is selected for analyzing the car accident data using the
252 explanatory variables associated with the dependent variable. Accordingly, Age (Age of driver),
253 Educational Background of driver, Experience of driver, Service time of vehicle, type of accident
254 (crash with what object), Light condition during accident (day or night), Road pavement
255 (Asphalt, coble stone, aggregate), Road Partition (one way, two way), and vehicle type (bajaj,
256 taxi, heavy trucks, cross country bus) are included in the model.

257 The log odds of fatal injury level for drivers with age group of 5-10 years age group is increased
258 by 0.686. The estimated odds ratio (OR = 1.986) indicates that the odds of fatal injury (as
259 opposed to moderate injury or slight injury) for older age drivers is 98.6% higher than young age
260 drivers (<5 years experience), as the odds of moderate or slight injury (as opposed to fatal
261 injury), holding other variables constant. The confidence interval for odds could be as minimum
262 as 1.002 and as maximum as 3.934 with 95% confidence and shows that it is statistically
263 significant as it doesn't include one. This result seems contradictory with the experience level,
264 but it could be due to the greater confidence of experienced drivers which may lead to carelessly
265 follow the ethics of driving like driving more than the allowed speed, not using seat belt and
266 talking mobile phone calls while driving.

267 The log odds of fatal injury for drivers who have privately own the vehicles is found to decreased
268 by 1.160 as compared to the vehicles owned by the government. The estimated odds ratio (OR =
269 0..313) shows that the odds of fatal injury (as opposed to moderate or slight injury) for drivers
270 who drive private owned vehicles is lower than those drivers who have drive governmental
271 vehicles is decreased by 68.7%. The 95% confidence interval also suggests that odds could be as
272 minimum as 0.137 and as maximum as 0.714.

273 The log odds of fatal injury for accident type; Vehicle with pedestrian is decreased by 2.852. The
274 estimated odds ratio (OR =0.058) shows that the odds of fatal injury (as opposed to moderate or
275 slight) for vehicle with pedestrian accident is lower than those accidents vehicle with vehicle by
276 94.2%. The 95% confidence interval also suggests that odds could be as minimum as 0.031 and
277 as maximum as 0.106.

278 The log odds of fatal injury for vehicle type; heavy track is decreased by 0.656. The estimated
279 odds ratio (OR =0.519) shows that the odds of fatal injury (as opposed to moderate or slight) for

280 heavy track accident is lower than those by automobile by 48.1%. The 95% confidence interval
281 also suggests that odds could be as minimum as 0.263 and as maximum as 1.023.
282 The log odds of fatal injury for vehicle type; cross country bus is decreased by 0.899. The
283 estimated odds ratio (OR =0.411) shows that the odds of fatal injury (as opposed to moderate or
284 slight) for heavy track accident is lower than those by automobile by 58.9%. The 95%
285 confidence interval also suggests that odds could be as minimum as 0.189 and as maximum as
286 0.894.
287 The log odds of fatal injury for vehicle owner; Vehicle owned driver is decreased by 2.852.692
288 as compared to vehicle is owned by employer. The estimated odds ratio (OR =0.502) shows that
289 the odds of fatal injury (as opposed to moderate or slight) for vehicle owned driver is lower than
290 those accidents with driver employed by 49.8% [Table 2].

291 **Discussion**

292 In this study, light condition is not found to be statistically significant (Coef. = .145; p-value
293 ≥ 0.050); whereas according to (Huang, Chin, & Haque, 2008) night time driving was
294 resulted a more serious injury outcome (Coef. = 0.3920; p-value ≤ 0.050) than day time
295 driving. From vehicle type heavy truck (Coef. = -.656, p-value ≥ 0.050) and cross country
296 bus (Coef. = -.889, p-values ≤ 0.05) were found to be statistically significantly decreasing
297 the severity of accident injury, which shows similar results with (Huang et al., 2008). The
298 time of accident was classified as day and night to indicate light and in this study; it was not
299 found statistically significant whereas studies conducted by (Huang et al., 2008; Simomcic,
300 2001) showed that accidents happened during the night increase the level of accident as
301 compared to accident happened in the day time and the magnitude is similar with the result of

302 this study regardless of its significance i.e. (Coef. = .145; p-value \geq 0.100). Vehicle type in
303 this study is categorized as automobile, taxi, heavy truck, Cross country buss and Bajaj. The
304 accidents occurred due to heavy truck and cross country buss were found to be decreasing the
305 level of accident (Coef. = -.656; p-value \leq 0.050) and (Coef. = -.889; p-value \leq 0.050)
306 respectively. This may be due to the drivers are highly skilled and experienced. Specially, for
307 the heavy truck, since they are large in size and have at most two persons (the driver and his
308 assistant) it is less likely to get a fatal injury. This is because they may skip of the accident by
309 just jumping from the vehicle. This finding was supported by (Levine, Bedard, Molloy, &
310 Basilevsky, 1999) who found that every 454 kg increase in vehicle weight was equivalent to
311 the driver's ability to resist front impact car accident of 10 more kph before being fatally
312 injured.

313 **Limitations**

314 Since the data were not recorded primarily for this research purpose, there were important
315 variables missed in the format like use of seatbelt, alcohol use before accident, speed during
316 accident and speed limit of the place where accident happened.

317 **Conclusion**

318 An ordered logistic regression model was used to examine factors that worsen the car accident
319 level. A total sample of 385 car accidents were considered in the study of which 56.7% were
320 fatal, 28.6% serious and 14.7% slight injury. The model estimation result showed that, being
321 experienced drivers (Coef. = 0.686; p-value \leq 0.050) were found to increase the level of injury.
322 On the other hand, being private vehicle (Coef. = -1.160; p-value \leq 0.010), the type of accident
323 of vehicle with pedestrian (Coef. = -2.852; p-value \leq 0.010), being heavy truck (Coef. = -0.656;
324 p-value \leq 0.050), being a cross country buss (Coef. = -0.889; p-value \leq 0.050) and being

325 owner of vehicle is the driver himself (Coef. = -.690, p-value \leq 0.050) were found to decrease
326 the level of car accident injury severity. Therefore, it is better to create continued awareness to
327 those who are experienced drivers, who carelessly follow the traffic rules. Special attention is
328 required to government owned vehicle drivers, as they were found to increase the level of car
329 accident injury through different short term trainings.

330 Generally, this study exerts an important effort to under-stand the effects of various
331 interdependent factors on car accident injury level. However, the study was forced to be limited
332 to show variation in the interaction of factors across different scenario of collision due to the
333 small sample, because the data were not in softcopy rather in hard copy. Therefore, it was very
334 difficult to consider more samples in this situation. So, we recommend the traffic police office of
335 Mekelle city to develop a data base on car accident in order to investigate more results using
336 different statistical models.

337 Based on these findings some interventions can be developed to minimize the level of car
338 accident in Mekelle City, Ethiopia. Prevention strategies applied to reduce injuries and fatalities
339 from car accident should focus on continued awareness creation to experienced drivers,
340 government employed driver on speeding, and driving at night time. Therefore, implementing
341 better driver licensing and road safety awareness campaign on safe driving practices can play a
342 pivotal role in road safety improvement. In addition, strict police enforcement also applied for
343 those frequent offenders. Most importantly, it is needed to prepare a huge data base that includes
344 driver alcohol used or not, road characteristics at time of accident, road speed limit for further
345 investigation.

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347 **Abbreviations**

348 Not applicable

349 **Declarations**

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351 **Ethics approval and consent to participate**

352 The office of research and community services of Mekelle University, College of Natural and
353 Computational Sciences approved the study protocol. Any personal name was not encoded;
354 identifiers of the injured individuals were simply serial numbers.

355 **Consent for publication**

356 Not applicable

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358 **Availability of data and material**

359 The data is found in hard copy at the College of Health Science Main Library and in soft copy at
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362 **Competing interests**

363 All the authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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418 Table 1: Distribution of vehicles' accident injury level from September 2014 –August 2017

Variable	Categories	Accident Injury Level Frequencies				P-value<=
		Fatal Injury 216 (56.7%)	Serious Injury 109(28.6%)	Slight Injury 56(14.7%)	Total 385(100%)	
Driver's age	<25 years	16(17.58%)	42(46.15)	33(36.26)	91(100%)	0.001***
	25-45 years	35(13.67%)	55(21.48%)	166(64.84%)	256(100%)	
	46-65 Years	4(12.90%)	11(35.48)	16(51.61%)	31(100%)	
	65+	2(28.57%)	1(14.28%)	4(57.14)	7(100%)	
Driver's Experience	<5 years	36 (16.14%)	72(32.29%)	115(51.57%)	223(100%)	0.229
	50-10 years	8(10.53%)	16(21.05%)	52(68.42%)	76(100%)	
	>10 years	12(14.63%)	21(25.61%)	49(59.76%)	82(100%)	
ownership	Employed	45(13.68%)	82(24.92%)	202(61.40%)	329(100%)	0.001***
	Own(self)	11(21.15%)	27(51.92)	14(26.92)	52(100%)	
Vehicle Type	Automobile	16(10.88%)	35(23.81%)	96(65.31%)	147(100%)	0.001***
	Heavy Tracks	13(16.25)	15(18.75%)	52(65.00%)	80(100%)	
	Taxi	2(5.56%)	17(47.22%)	17(47.22%)	36(100%)	
	Bajaj	11(24.44)	21(46.67%)	13(28.89%)	45(100%)	
	Bus	9(16.98%)	12(22.64%)	32(60.38%)	53(100%)	
Ownership type	Government	2(3.33%)	11(18.33%)	47(78.33)	60(100%)	0.001***
	private	54(16.62%)	98(30.53%)	169(52.65)	321(100%)	
Road partition	One way	9(10.00%)	27(30.00%)	54(60.00%)	90(100%)	0.381
	Two way	47(16.15%)	82(28.18%)	162(55.67%)	291(100%)	
Road Condition	Dry	55(14.55%)	108(28.57%)	215(56.88%)	378(100%)	0.598
	Wet	2(28.57%)	3(48.86%)	2(28.57%)	7(100%)	
Light	Day	42(14.29%)	76(25.86%)	176(59.86%)	294(100%)	0.053
	Night	14(16.09%)	33(37.93%)	44(44.835%)	91(100%)	
Accident Type	Vehicle-Vehicle	11(5.67%)	36(18.56%)	147(75.77%)	194(100%)	0.001***
	Vehicle-Other	6(9.09%)	6(9.09%)	54(81.82%)	66(100%)	
	Vehicle-Pedestrian	39(32.77%)	67(56.30%)	13(10.92%)	119(100%)	

419 Note: ***=significant at 1% level of significance

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426 Table 2: Factors affecting Car Accident Injury Level: Ordered Logistic Regression result.

Variables	Category	Coefficient	Odds ratio	Stand. error	z-value	P-value<=
Driver's Age	<25 years (ref)					
	25-45 years	.437	1.548	.318	1.37	0.170
	46-65 Years	-.104	.901	.530	-0.20	0.844
	65+	11.555	104329.3	714.387	0.02	0.987
Driver's Experience	<5 years (ref)					
	5-10 years	.686	1.986	.349	1.97	0.049**
	>10 years	.249	1.283	.357	0.70	0.485
Vehicle service Ownership type	Vehicle service (ref)	-.001	.999	.002	-0.61	0.542
	Private	-1.160	.313	.420	-2.76	0.001***
Light condition	Day (ref)					
	Night	.145	1.556	.305	0.48	0.634
Accident type	Vehicle-Vehicle (ref)					
	Vehicle-Other	.408	1.503	.413	0.99	0.323
	Vehicle-pedestrian	-2.852	.058	.317	-8.98	0.001***
Vehicle Type	Automobile (ref)					
	Heavy track	-.656	.519	.346	-1.89	0.050**
	Taxi	.303	1.354	.439	0.69	0.491
	Bajaj	-.115	.892	.420	-0.27	0.785
	Cross country bus	-.889	.411	.396	-2.24	0.025**
Vehicle owner	My employer (ref)					
	My self	-.690	.502	.373	-1.85	0.044* *

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Model	Number of obs.	344	
Summary	Log likelihood	-244.113	
	LR chi2(15)	162.82	
	Prob > chi2	0.0000	
	Pseudo R2	0.2501	

427 Note: ***=significant at 1%, **=significant at 5%

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