

Data analysis to investigate the injury profile of near-side, side impact crashes: a comparison of injury risk between pole and vehicle-vehicle impacts

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Overview of analysis

Two datasets used:

- 1. Transport Accident Commission of Victoria Claims File
 - no-fault insurer = claims dataset from 1999-2010
 - linked dataset claim information, police report, road agency, hospital data (injury, procedures)
 - ICD-9 / 10 injury data, converted to AIS using US NTDB as the basis
- 2. Australian National Crash In-depth Study (ANCIS)
 - protocols compatible with NASS-CDS
 - operational since 2000
 - 974 cases to date



Analysis of mass ('claims') dataset

Dataset definition: any claim made and accepted by the no-fault insurer

Inclusion criteria

- > Model year 2000 + (ADR72 compliant / ECE95)
- > Initial point of impact: front or rear side passenger door
- > Collision partner: tree / pole & other vehicles

Exclusion criteria

- > Impact point of front, front / rear side corner, rear, rollovers
- > Collisions with 'other' types of partners (animals etc...)



Number of injured persons by crash type

ADR	Near-side impacts			5	Far-side impact			
vehicle class	Front oc	cupants	Rear oc	cupants	Front oc	cupants	Rear oc	cupants
	Object	Vehicle	Object	Vehicle	Object	Vehicle	Object	Vehicle
Passeng	er vehicle	es						
MA	194	794	20	86	117	434	16	63
Sports U	tility vehi	cles						
MC	4	20	2	3	4	21	1	3
Light cor	nmercial	vehicles	(NA)					
NA	9	19	0	2	5	13	2	2

Class MA vehicles – near side impact, injury by body region, severity and collision partner

	AIS 1	+	AISE	8+
AIS body region	Fixed	Vehicle	Fixed	Vehicle
Head*	57% (111)	36% (285)	12% (24)	5.5% (44)
Face	21% (41)	8% (60)		
Neck	0.5% (1)	0.4% (3)		
Chest*	37% (71)	32% (258)	22% (42)	9% (68)
Abdomen-pelvis	39% (75)	33% (259)	7% (13)	2% (14)
Spine	30% (58)	34% (271)	1.5% (3)	1% (6)
Upper extremity	51% (98)	35% (275)	1% (2)	
Lower extremity	29% (57)	25% (202)	8% (15)	1% (10)



Injury by body region, severity and collision partner





AIS3+ injury by body region, severity and collision partner





Observed injury risk – crash sample comparability

Parameter	Object impact (tree / pole) (n=214)	Vehicle-vehicle collision (n=880)
<u>% male</u>	65%	33%
Age		
0-9	0.9	1.6%
10-15	2.3	3%
16-64	93.5	79.3%
65+*	3.3	15.5%
Side airbag deployment	3.7%	4.9%
Speed zone		
<=50km/h	16.4%	22.8%
60-75 km/h*	35.5%	50.1%
80-90 km/h	14.0%	14.8%
>=100km/h*	33.2%	11.3%

Imperative to adjust for sample differences – done in a logistic regression model



Near side: Head injury AIS 1+

Head AIS1+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	2.28	<0.001	1.67	3.12
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	0.74	0.2	0.48	1.12
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	0.77	0.1	0.56	1.05
	80-90	<=50	0.81	0.3	0.54	1.23
	>=100	<=50	0.80	0.3	0.52	1.21

Odds of AIS1+ head injury in a pole impact is 1.92 times greater than a vehiclevehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for occupant position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.68 (95th % CI: 0.55-0.78) Vehicle: 0.48 (95th % CI: 0.37-0.60)



Near side: Head injury AIS3+

Head AIS3+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	1.92	0.02	1.12	3.27
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	1.38	0.5	0.54	3.54
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	0.95	0.9	0.48	1.88
	80-90	<=50	1.35	0.5	0.60	3.05
	>=100	<=50	1.99	0.07	0.94	4.18

Odds of AIS3+ head injury in a pole impact is 1.92 times greater than a vehiclevehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for occupant position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.07 (95th % CI: 0.02-0.18) Vehicle: 0.04 (95th % CI: 0.01-0.09)



Near side: Chest injury AIS1+

Chest AIS1+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	1.14	0.4	0.82	1.58
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	1.40	0.2	0.88	2.24
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	0.98	0.9	0.71	1.37
	80-90	<=50	1.02	0.9	0.66	1.57
	>=100	<=50	1.21	0.4	0.79	1.81

No difference in AIS 1+ chest injury risk

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.28 (95th % CI: 0.18-0.41) Vehicle: 0.25 (95th % CI: 0.17-0.36)



Near side: Chest injury AIS3+

Head AIS3+	Group	Referent OR	F	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	2.57	≤0.01	1.68	3.91
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	1.01	0.9	0.52	1.96
Speed zone	<u>60-75</u>	<=50	1.42	0.2	2 0.80	2.52
	80-90	<=50	1.97	0.05	5 1.00	3.87
	>=100	<=50	2.09	0.03	8 1.09	4.01

Odds of AIS3+ chest injury in a pole impact is 2.6 times greater than a vehiclevehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for occupant position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.14 (95th % CI: 0.07-0.28) Vehicle: 0.06 (95th % CI: 0.03-0.12)



Near side: Abdomen – pelvis injury AIS1+

A/P AIS3+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	1.19	0.28	0.86	1.65
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	1.19	0.46	0.76	1.86
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	1.10	0.59	0.78	1.53
	80-90	<=50	1.52	0.05	0.99	2.32
	>=100	<=50	1.39	0.13	0.90	2.12

Odds of AIS1+ A/P injury in a pole impact is 1.92 times greater than a vehiclevehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for occupant position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.30 (95th % CI: 0.19-0.43) Vehicle: 0.26 (95th % CI: 0.18-0.37)



Near side: Abdomen – pelvis injury AIS3+

A/P AIS3+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	3.64	<0.001	1.72	7.71
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	0.52	0.2	0.19	1.41
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	1.47	0.5	0.53	4.09
	80-90	<=50	1.09	0.9	0.29	4.16
	>=100	<=50	1.14	0.8	0.33	3.91

Odds of AIS3+ A//P injury in a pole impact is 3.64 times greater than a vehiclevehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for occupant position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.09 (95th % CI: 0.03-0.27) Vehicle: 0.03 (95th % CI: 0.01-0.09)



Near side: Lower extremity injury AIS1+

LEX AIS1+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	1.41	0.05	1.01	1.98
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	0.98	0.94	0.61	1.57
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	0.96	0.82	0.68	1.36
	80-90	<=50	0.75	0.23	0.47	1.20
	>=100	<=50	0.97	0.90	0.62	1.53

Odds of AIS1+ Lower Ex. injury in a pole impact is 1.41 times greater than a vehicle-vehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.33 (95th % CI: 0.22-0.47) Vehicle: 0.26 (95th % CI: 0.17-0.37)



Near side: Lower extremity injury AIS3+

LEX AIS3+	Group	Referent	OR	P> z	LCL	UCL
Collision						
Partner	Fixed	Vehicle	7.41	<0.001	3.35	16.36
Occupant						
Position	Front	Rear	0.63	0.4	0.21	1.90
Speed zone	60-75	<=50	1.77	0.3	0.57	5.47
	80-90	<=50	0.98	1.0	0.21	4.53
	>=100	<=50	1.36	0.6	0.38	4.91

Odds of AIS3+ lower extremity injury in a pole impact is 7.4 times greater than a vehicle-vehicle near side impact crash, adjusted for position and speed zone

Average adjusted probability: Pole: 0.09 (95th % CI: 0.02-0.29) Vehicle: 0.01 (95th % CI: 0.003-0.05)



Summary – probability table (MA, near, front occupants)

Region / Severity	Pole / tree Adj. Prob. (95 th % Cl)	Vehicle Adj. Prob. (95 th % Cl)
Head AIS1+	0.68 (0.55-0.78)	0.48 (0.37-0.60)
Head AIS3+	0.07 (0.01-0.09)	0.04 (0.01-0.09)
Chest AIS1+	0.28 (0.18-0.41)	0.25 (0.17-0.36)
Chest AIS3+	0.14 (0.07-0.28)	0.06 (0.03-0.12)
Abdomen-Pelvis AIS1+	0.30 (0.19-0.43)	0.26 (0.18-0.37)
Abdomen-Pelvis AIS3+	0.09 (0.03-0.27)	0.03 (0.01-0.09)
Lower extremity AIS1+	0.33 (0.22-0.47)	0.26 (0.17-0.37)
Lower extremity AIS3+	0.09 (0.02-0.29)	0.01 (0.003-0.05)



Analysis of in-depth dataset: Australian National Crash Indepth Study (ANCIS)

- protocols compatible with NASS-CDS
- operational since 2000
- 974 cases to date = 81 per inclusion / exclusion criteria below

Inclusion

- MY2000+
- CDC damage zones
 - > D DISTRIBUTED
 - > P SIDE CENTRE, LEFT OR RIGHT
 - > Y = F+P
 - > Z =B+P
- Driver and FLP
- Belted

Exclusion: Rollover crashes





Case characteristics

		ALL INJURY SEVERITY		AIS 3	AIS 3+		
Characte	ristic	Vehicle	Tree / Pole	Vehicle	Tree/pole		
		(N=42)	(N=16)	(n=22 <i>,</i> 52.4%)	(n=11; 68%)		
Position							
	Driver	31 (73.8%)	8 (50%)	17 (77.3%)	6 (54.5%)		
	Front left passenger	11 (26.2%)	8 (50%)	5 (22.7%)	5 (45.5%)		
	Number of occupants	42 (100%)	16 (100%)	22 (100%)	11		
Age* (yea	ars)						
	Mean (SD), years	46.8 (16.4)	32.8 (15.1)	53.8 (14.4)	30.3 (15.8)		
		41.71-	24.70 -				
	Mean - 95th% CL	51.96	40.8	47.4-60.2	19.6-40.9		
	Median, years	46	28.5	51.5	24		
	Min/Max	13-84	16-64	34-84	16-64		
Sex							
	Male	21 (50%)	14 (87.5%)	12 (54.5%)	10 (91%)		
	Female	21 (50%)	2 (12.5%)	10 (45.5%)	1 (9%)		



			Y SEVERITY	AIS 3+	AIS 3+	
		Vehicle	Tree / Pole	Vehicle	Tree/pole (n=11,	
	Characteristic	(N=42)	(N=16)	(n=22, 52.4%)	68%)	
Weight (weight) (kg)						
	Mean (SD), years	72.7 (18.6)	77.6 (17.6)	72.6 (15.9)	73.9 (10.1)	
	Mean - 95th% CL	66.7-78.6	68.2-87.0	65.5-79.5	67.1-80.7	
	Median, kg	67.5	75	67	75	
	Min/Max	51-140	50-115	51-103	50-85	
Height (height) (cm)						
	Mean (SD), years	170.7 (10.4)	178.9 (10.2)	170.4 (9.7)	181.3 (9.6 <u>)</u>	
	Mean - 95th% CL	167.5-174.0	173.43-184.3	166.1-174.7	174.8-187.7	
	Median (cm)	172	182	170	183	
	Min/Max	150-191	158-200	155-191	160-200	
BMI						
	Mean (SD), years	24.7 (4.6)	24.2 (5.1)	24.8 (3.6)	22.5 (2.6)	
	Mean - 95th% CL	23.3-26.2	21.5-26.9	23.2-26.4	20.7-24.2	
	Median (cm)	24	23.8	24.5	23	
	Min/Max	16.1-40.9	18.2-37.0	19.0-30.1	18.2-25.8	
BMI - CATEGORY						
	<20, underweight	6 (14.3%)	3 (18.8%)	2 (9.1%)	3 (27.3%)	
20-	-25, normal weight	19 (45.2%)	8 (50%)	11 (50%)	6 (54.5%)	
	>25 overweight	17 (40.5%)	5 (31.3%)	9 (40.9%)	2 (18.2%)	



	ALL INJURY SEVERITY		AIS	3+
	Vehicle	Tree / Pole	Vehicle	Tree/pole (n=11,
Characteristic	(N=42)	(N=16)	(n=22, 52.4%)	68%)
Vehicle Class				
Small	16 (38.1%)	3 (18.8%)	11 (50%)	2 (18.2%)
Medium	4 (9.5%)	3 (18.8%)	2 (9.1%)	2 (18.2%)
Large	22 (52.4%)	10 (62.5%)	9 (40.9%)	7 (63.6%)
Side airbag				
Side airbag - deployed	9 (21.4%)	1 (6.3%)	5 (22.7%)	
EBS				
Mean (SD) KM/H	25.4 (7.4)	33.1 (11.8)	26.6 (7.4)	34.9 (11.9)
Mean - 95th% CL	23.1-27.7	26.8-39.4	23.3-29.9	26.9-42.9
Median, KM/H	26	29.5	26.8	31.1
Min/Max	12.2-40.0	18-57.0	13-39	23-57



	ALL INJURY SEVERITY		AIS	3+
		Tree / Pole	Vehicle	Tree/pole (n=11.
Characteristic	Vehicle (N=42)	(N=16)	(n=22, 52.4%)	68%)
Impact distribution				
D – DISTRIBUTED	3 (7.1%)		3 (13.6%)	
P - SIDE CENTRE, LEFT OR RIGHT	19 (45.2%)	12 (75%)	10 (45.5%)	9 (81.8%)
Y = F+P	17 (40.5%)	4 (25%)	8 (36.4%)	2 (18.2%)
Z =B+P	3 (7.1%)	-	1 (4.5%)	
Crush - maximum				
Mean (SD) mm	331.6 (109.5)	560 (231.5)	329.1 (123.2)	621.82 (245.5)
Mean - 95th% CL	297.5-365.8	436.6-683.4)	274.4-383.7	456.8-786.8)
 Median, mm	330	520	320	560
Min/Max	140-600	290-1010	140-600	300-1010



	ALL INJURY	SEVERITY	AISE	3+
	Vehicle	Tree / Pole	Vehicle (n=22,	Tree/pole (n=11,
Characteristic	(N=42)	(N=16)	52.4%)	68%)
Crash characteristics				
Type of crash				
Intersection	22 (52.4%)	-	12 (54.5%)	
Veh from opposed (incl turn)	9 (21.4%)	-	5 (22.7%)	
From same direction	1 (2.4%)	-	1 (4.5%)	
Maneuvreing	4 (9.5%)	-	-	
Off-path, on straight	5 (11.9%)	11 (68.8%)	3 (13.6%)	8 (72.7%)
Off path, on curve		4 (25%)		2 (18.2%)
Other / miscellaneous	1 (2.4%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (4.5%)	1 (9.1%)
Speed limit (km/h)				
40	-	-		-
50	8 (19%)		2 (9.1%)	
60	22 (52.4%)	6 (37.5%)	14 (63.6%)	3 (27.3%)
70	2 (4.8%)		1 (4.5%)	
80	7 (16.7%)	4 (25%)	3 (13.6%)	4 (36.4%)
90		1 (6.3%)		1 (9.1%)
100/110	3 (7.1 <u>%)</u>	5 (31.3%)	2 (9.1%)	3 (27.3%)



	ALL INJURY SEVERITY AIS 3-		3+	
	Vehicle	Tree / Pole	Vehicle (n=22,	Tree/pole (n=11,
Characteristic	(N=42)	(N=16)	52.4%)	68%)
MAIS – whole body				
1-Minor	13 (31%)	1 (6.3%)		
2-Moderate	6 (14.3%)	3 (18.8%)		
3=Serious	10 (23.8%)	7 (43.8%)	10 (45.5%)	7 (63.6%)
4=Severe	10 (23.8%)	3 (18.8%)	9 (40.9%)	3 (27.3%)
5=Critical	3 (7.1%)	2 (12.5%)	3 (13.6%)	1 (9.1%)
6=Maximum	-	-		
Injury Severity Score				
Mean (SD)	13.6 (13.2)	21.0 (16.7)	22.3 (11.7)	23.1 (13.1)
Mean - 95th% CL	9.5-17.8	12.1-29.9	17.1-27.6	14.2-31.9
Median	11	15	18	21
Min/Max	1.0 - 51.0	1.0 - 59.0	9.0 to 51.0	10 to 50.0
ISS category				
 Maior (>15)	17 (40.5%)	8 (50%)	16 (72.7%)	7 (63.6%)



Percent of front occupants injured, by region and severity

	VEHICLE (N=42)	POLE-TREE (N=16)	VEHICLE (N=42)	POLE-TREE (N=16)
	AIS1+	AIS1+	AIS3+	AIS3+
AIS body region				
Head	31.0%	37.5%	11.9%	25.0%
Face	28.6%	31.3%		
Neck	2.4%	6.3%		
Chest	59.5%	62.5%	38.1%	50.0%
Abdomen-pelvis	35.7%	43.8%	7.1%	18.8%
Spine	21.4%	56.3%		6.3%
Upper extremity	71.4%	56.3%	2.4%	6.3%
Lower extremity	59.5%	62.5%	19.0%	31.3%



Percent of front occupants in near side impacts injured AIS1+



AIS BODY REGION



Percent of front occupants in near side impacts injured AIS3+



AIS BODY REGION



Logistic regression model for Head AIS3+

HEAD 3+		Odds Ratio	LCL	UCL	stat sig.
AGE	years	1.04	0.99	1.09	No
Sex	Male cf. Female	2.40	0.40	14.23	No
EBS	km/h	1.08	1.02	1.15	YES
Collision partner	Pole cf. Veh	2.53	0.49	13.17	No
Impact side	Near cf. Far	2.81	0.40	19.46	No



Probability of sustaining an AIS 3+ (serious) head injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees





AGE-based Probability of males and females sustaining a Head AIS3+ injury in nearside (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees





Probability of sustaining an AIS 3+ (serious) head injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees by Occupant Weight, adjusted by EBS 0.300 0.250 Pr(Vehicle) ······ LCL(Vehicle) ······ UCL(Vehicle) 0.200 Prob(Head AIS3+ injury LCL(Pole) ----UCL(Pole) Pr(Pole) 0.150 0.100 0.050 0.000 65 75 80 85 90 110 115 120 55 60 70 95 100 105

Occupant Weight (kg)











Logistic regression model for Chest AIS3+

Chest 3+		Odds Ratio	LCL	UCL	stat sig.
AGE	years	1.06	1.02	1.10	YES
Sex	Male cf. Female	1.60	0.49	5.18	No
EBS	km/h	1.08	1.02	1.14	Yes
Collision partner	Pole cf. Veh	3.51	0.90	13.65	Borderline
Impact side	Near cf. Far	5.89	1.28	27.02	YES





Probability of sustaining an AIS 3+ (serious) thorax injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees





AGE-based Probability of males and females sustaining a Chest AIS3+ injury in nearside (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees





Probability of sustaining an AIS 3+ (serious) chest injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees by Occupant Weight, adjusted by EBS















Logistic regression model for Lower Extremity AIS3/4

Lower Extremity AIS	53 / AIS4	Odds Ratio	LCL	UCL	stat sig.
AGE	years	1.02	0.97	1.06	No
Sex	Male cf. Female	0.29	0.07	1.25	No
EBS	km/h	1.08	1.01	1.16	YES
Collision partner	Pole cf. Veh	1.78	0.34	9.41	No
Impact side	Near cf. Far	23.06	1.36	390.26	YES

Other factors

Weight

Chest: 1kg increase in weight translates to a 4% lower odds of AIS3+ injury Head / lower ex: no association with AIS3+

Height - no association with AIS3+ in these cases

BMI Chest: a 1-point increase in BMI is protective; 14% lower odds of AIS3+



Probability of sustaining an AIS 3/4 (serious/severe) lower extremity injury in nearside (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees





AGE-based Probability of males and females sustaining a Lower Extremity AIS3/4 injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees





Probability of sustaining an AIS 3 / 4 lower extremity injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees by Occupant Weight, adjusted by EBS





Probability of sustaining an AIS 3/4 lower extremity injury in near-side (struck side) impacts with vehicles and poles/trees by Occupant Height, adjusted by EBS 0.300 0.250 ••••••••••• AIS3/4 injury 0.200 0.150 Prob(Lower EX ······ LCL(Vehicle) ······ UCL(Vehicle) Pr(Vehicle) Pr(Pole) LCL(Pole) ---UCL(Pole) 0.100 0.050 0.000 170 150 160 180 190 200 Occupant Height (cm)







Maximum crash (static) and chest AIS3+

CHEST 3+		OR	LCL	UCL	stat sig.
Crush max.	cm	1.07	1.03	1.12	YES
Age	years	1.08	1.03	1.12	YES
	Male cf.				
Sex	Female	3.51	0.67	18.35	No
Weight	kg	0.95	0.91	1.00	YES
Height	cm	1.02	0.94	1.10	No
Collision					
partner	Pole cf. Veh	1.44	0.32	6.37	No
Impact side	Near cf. Far	10.44	1.62	67.09	YES



Further steps

- Report on front seat occupants exposed / not exposed to SAB, given NCAP class
- Report on occupants of 5* NCAP vs non-5* vehicles
- Examine crush and intrusion profiles
- Examine impact angle configurations per Gabler, Fildes, Fitzharris (STAPP, 2002) using PDOF
 - 30° Glancing; 60° Angled; 90° Perpendicular; 120° Angled rear; 150° Glancing rear
- Use probabilities linked to mass data to determine community-wide injury distribution
- Overlay effectiveness of countermeasures
- Overlay cost, derive introduction scenarios, and determine likely benefits
- Extend probability analysis in association with data custodians of indepth and mass casualty datasets