Dimensions of alcohol's harm to others and implications for policy and service in low and middle income countries including a case study of Thailand

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Alcohol consumption can have a range of negative impacts on people other than the drinker, known as ‘alcohol’s harm to others (HTO)’. It can be of many forms and varying severity, ranging from being annoyed to assault and death. Evidence of HTO is potentially a powerful tool to support alcohol policy development and enable planning for response services and assistance for those who are affected. This research aims to i) document the prevalence and magnitude of HTO in low and middle income countries (LMICs), ii) to examine the relationships between this harm and other important variables and iii) to analyse contextual factors important for the development of alcohol policies for reducing harm from other’s drinking.

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