

# **Preliminary Analysis of Shoulder Traumas from the CIREN Database**

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# CIREN Database Query

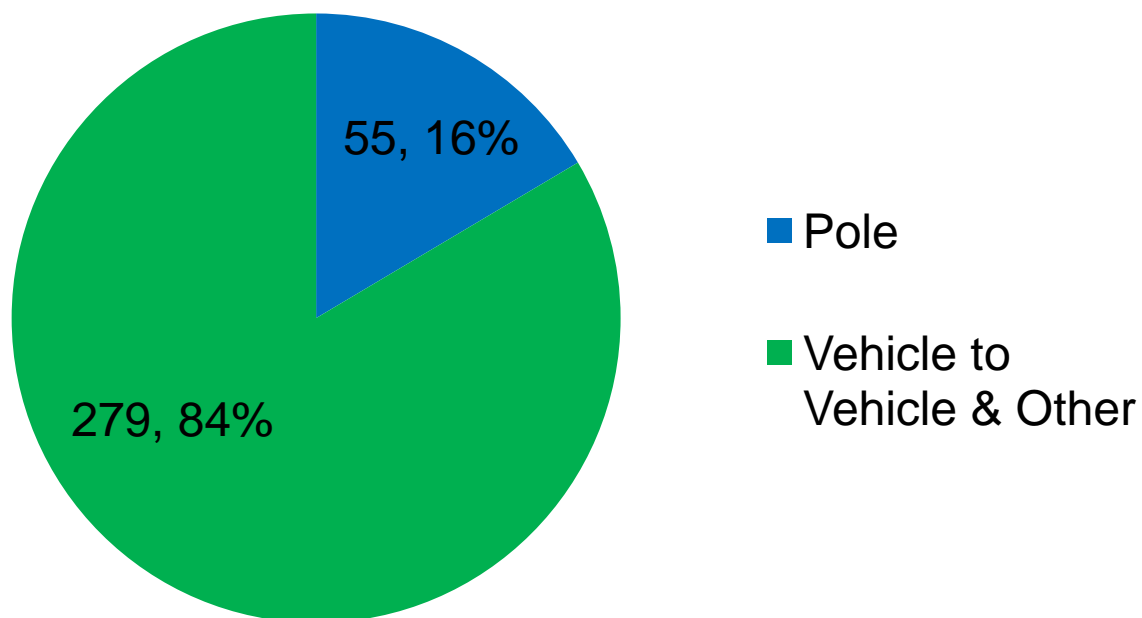
- **CIREN database query**
  - **All vehicles MY 2000 or newer**
  - **Left or right side impact as highest ranked CDC**
  - **Cases with DV and/or BES estimate**
  - **No rollover event**
  - **Belted 'nearside' row one occupants**
    - **Drivers, RF passengers**
  - **Associated injuries**

# Case Summaries

- **Injury codes not differentiated by AIS version**
- **Shoulder injuries include injuries to the shaft of the humerus :**
  - The AIS 1998 coding scheme does not distinguish injuries to the proximal humerus
- **Pelvis differentiated from LE injuries two ways:**
  - By filter for any 1998/2005 code that meets the Bio-tab definition of hip or pelvis
  - By review of radiology data for the 61 cases with shoulder injury
  - No corrections for injuries noted as not coded or miscoded were made
  - 439 pelvis/hip injuries were coded to the AIS 1998 standard
  - 35 pelvis/hip injuries were coded to the AIS 2005 standard

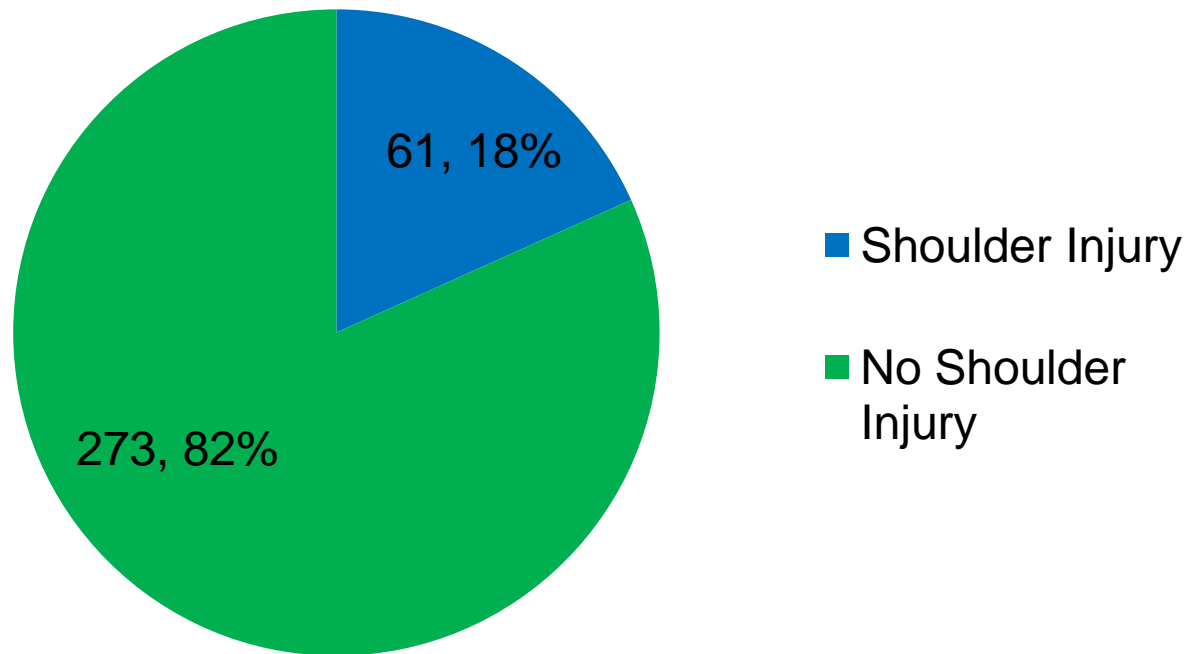
# Query Results: 334 Occupants in Nearside Impacts

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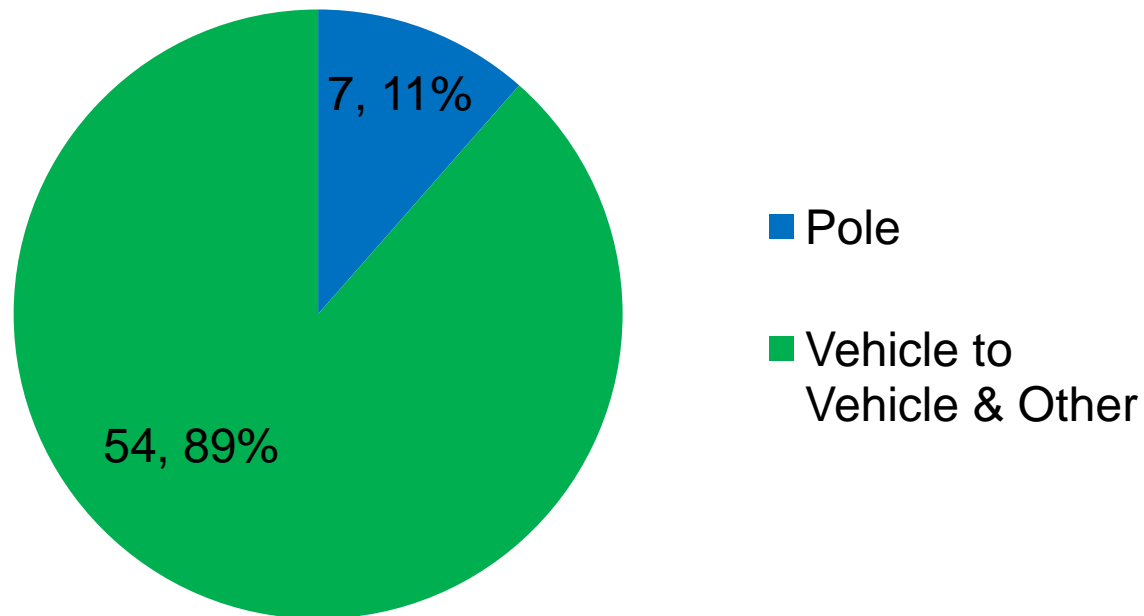
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## Shoulder Injury vs. No Shoulder Injury



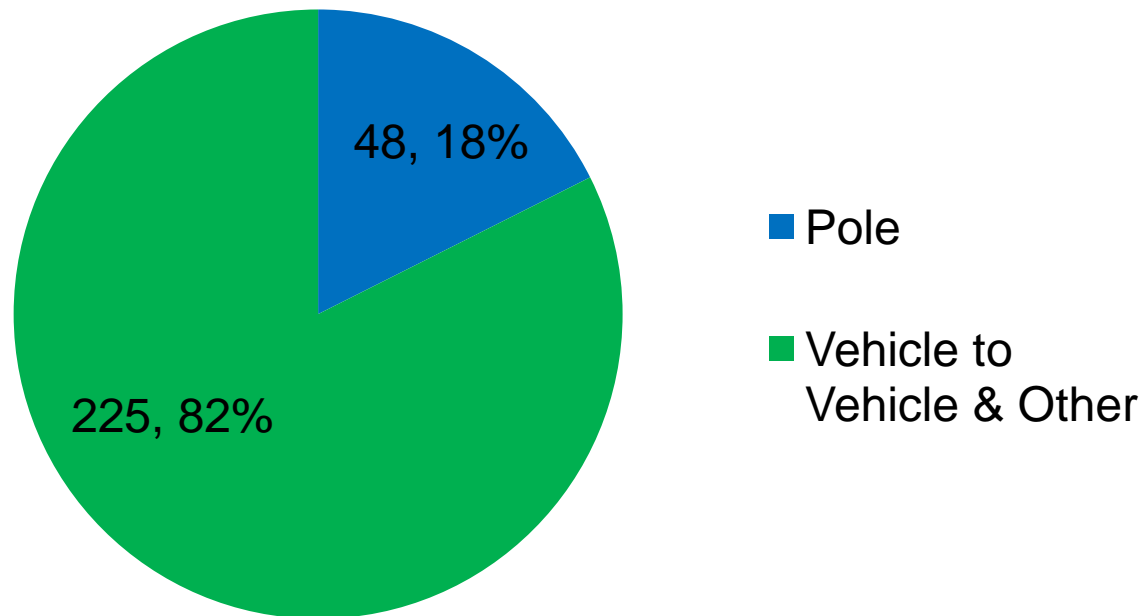
# Query Results: 61 Occupants with Shoulder Injury

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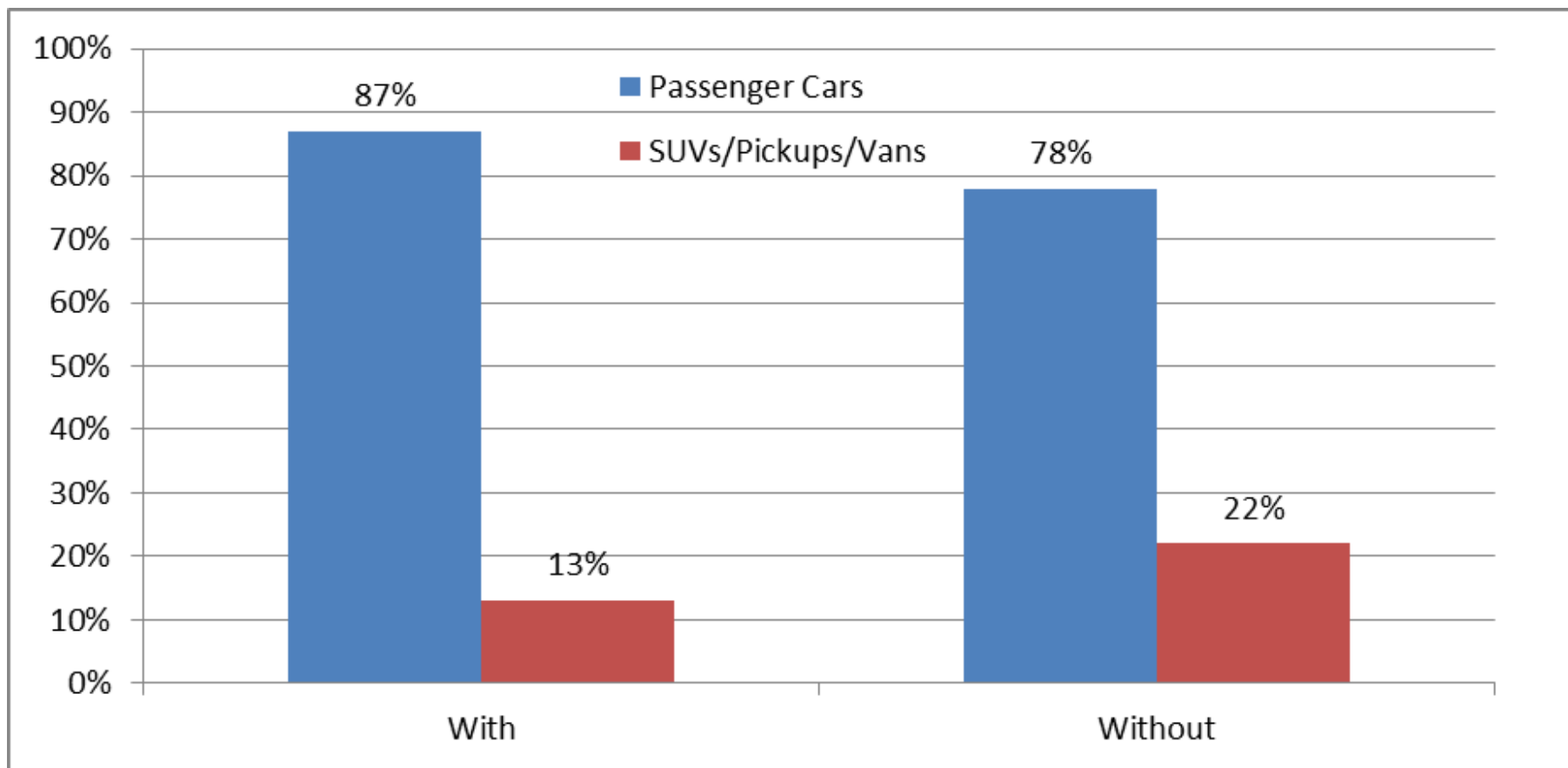


# Query Results: 273 Occupants without Shoulder Injury

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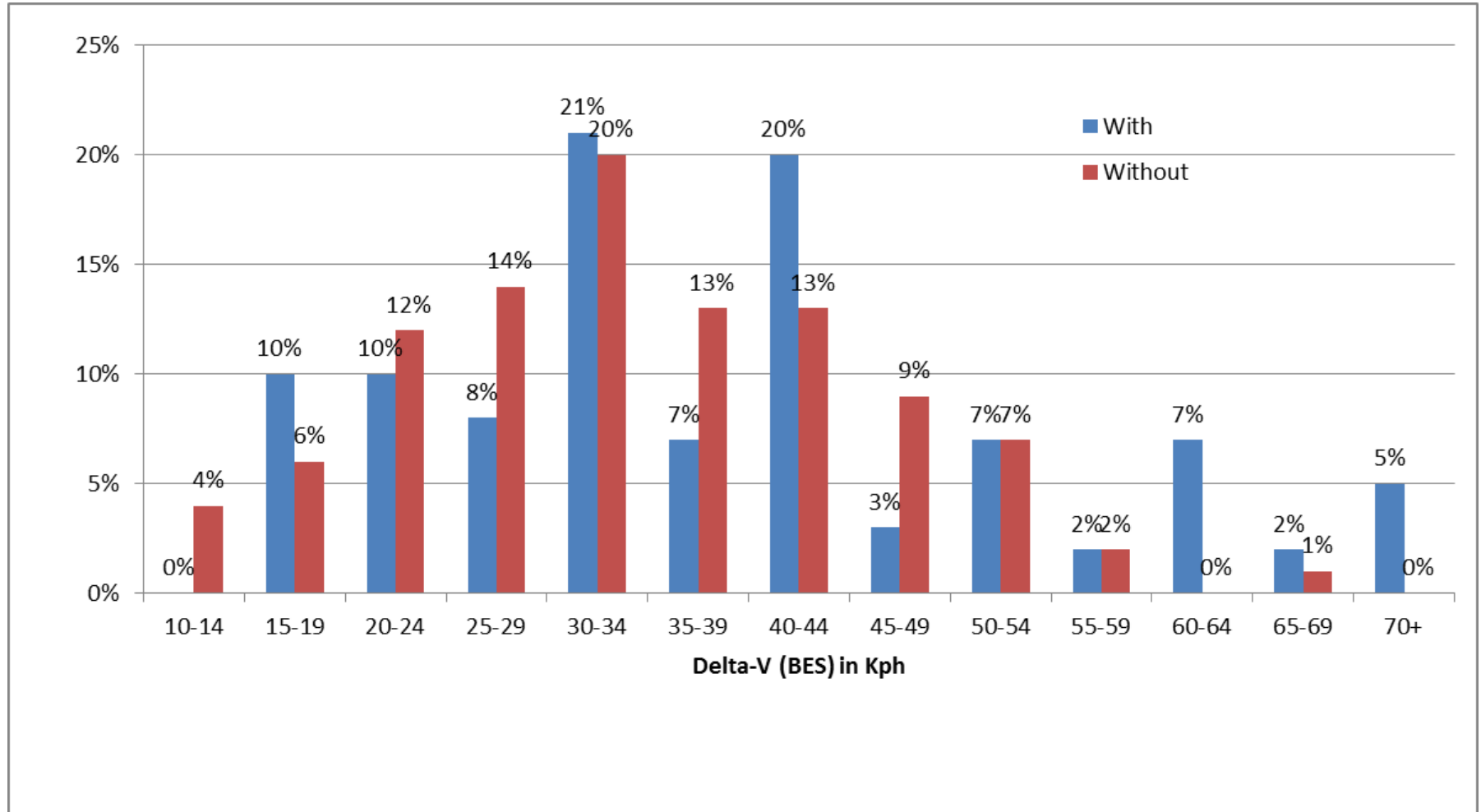


# Vehicle Type, With and Without Shoulder Injury



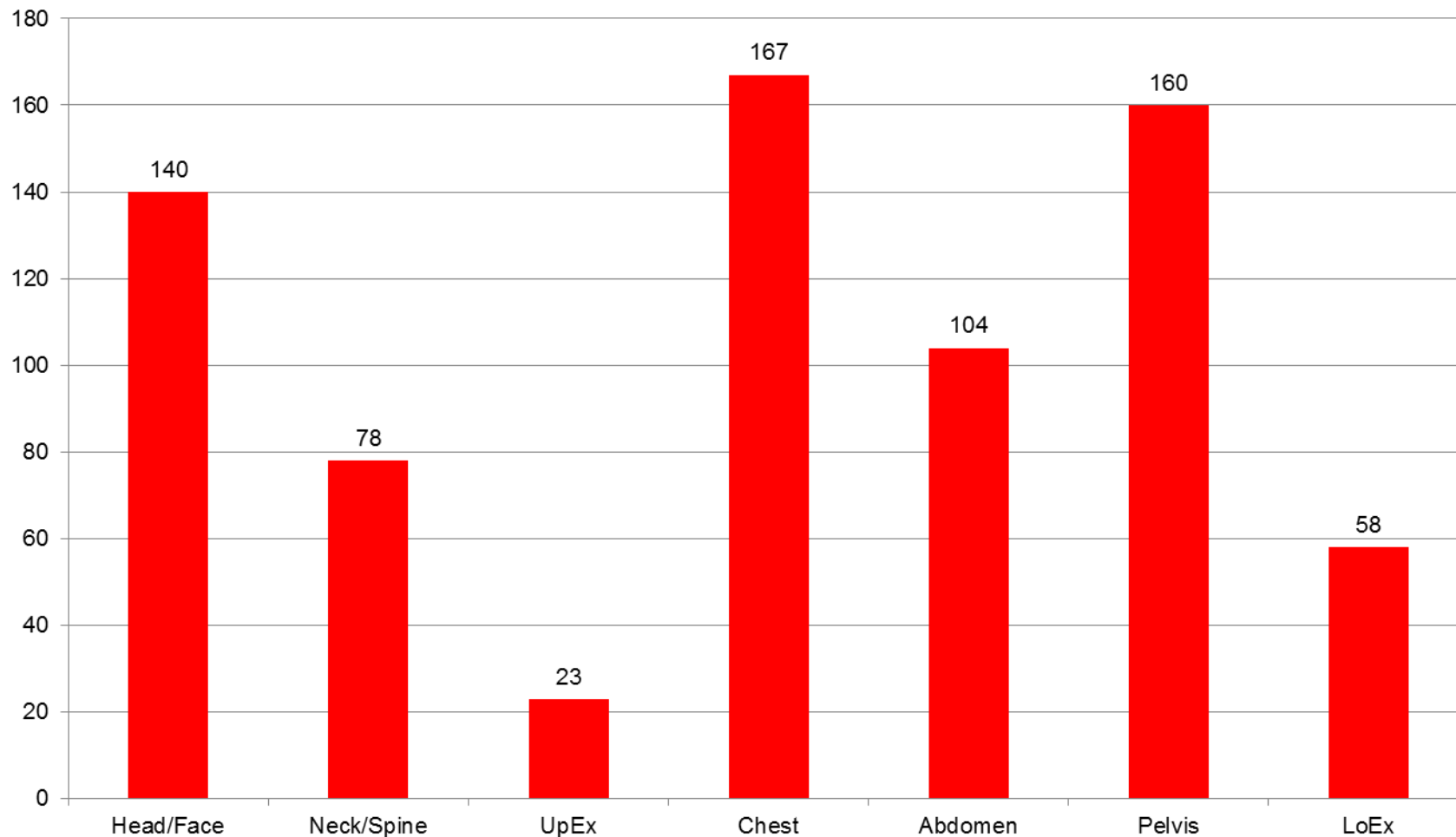


# Delta-V Range, With and Without Shoulder Injury



**Mean Delta-V With Shoulder Injury: 39 km/h**  
**Mean Delta-V Without Shoulder Injury: 34 km/h**

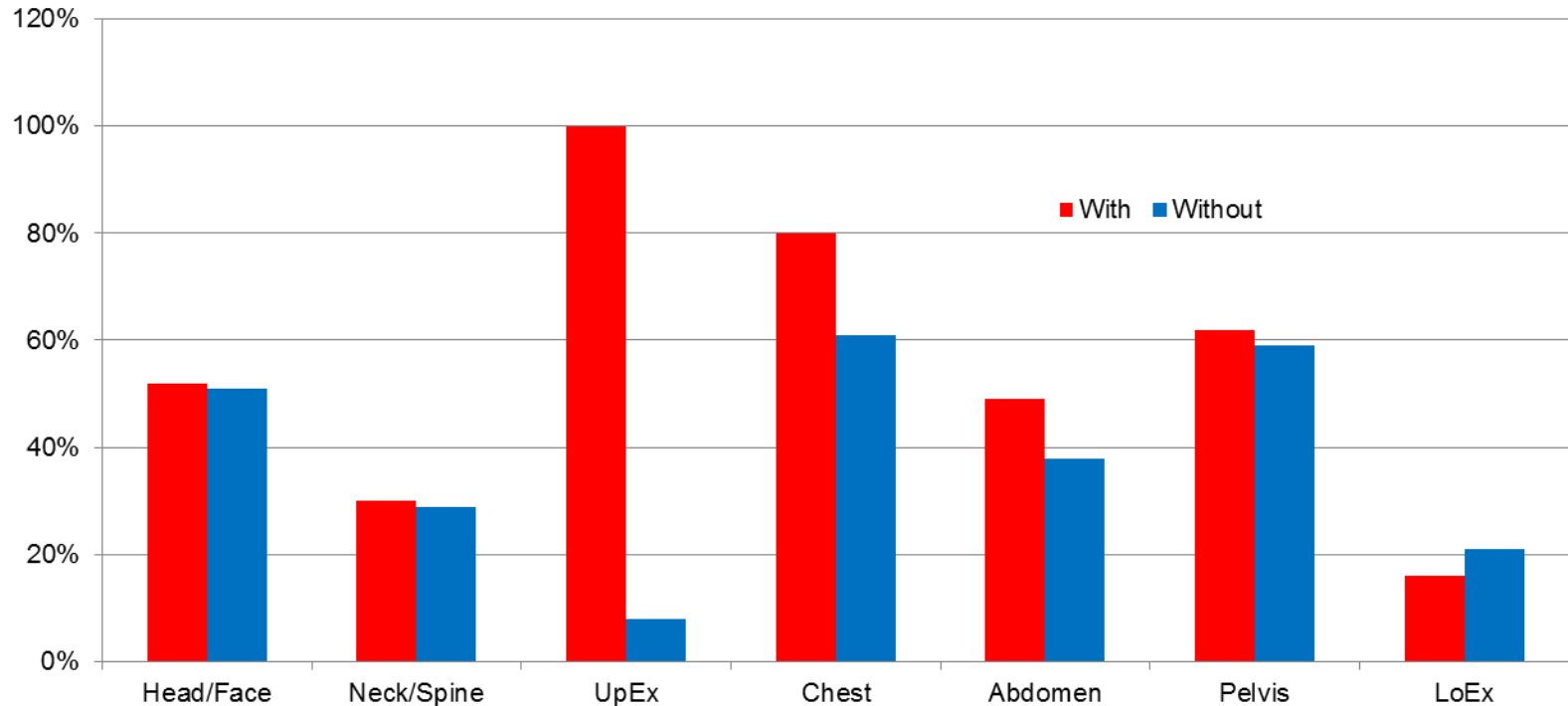
# Occupants w/o Shoulder Injury: MAIS2+ Injuries, by Body Region\*



**N = 273**

\*Pelvis Injuries Include Proximal Femur FX

# Occupants With and Without Shoulder Injury: AIS2 Injuries by Body Region\*



**With Shoulder Injury N = 61**  
**Without Shoulder Injury N = 273**

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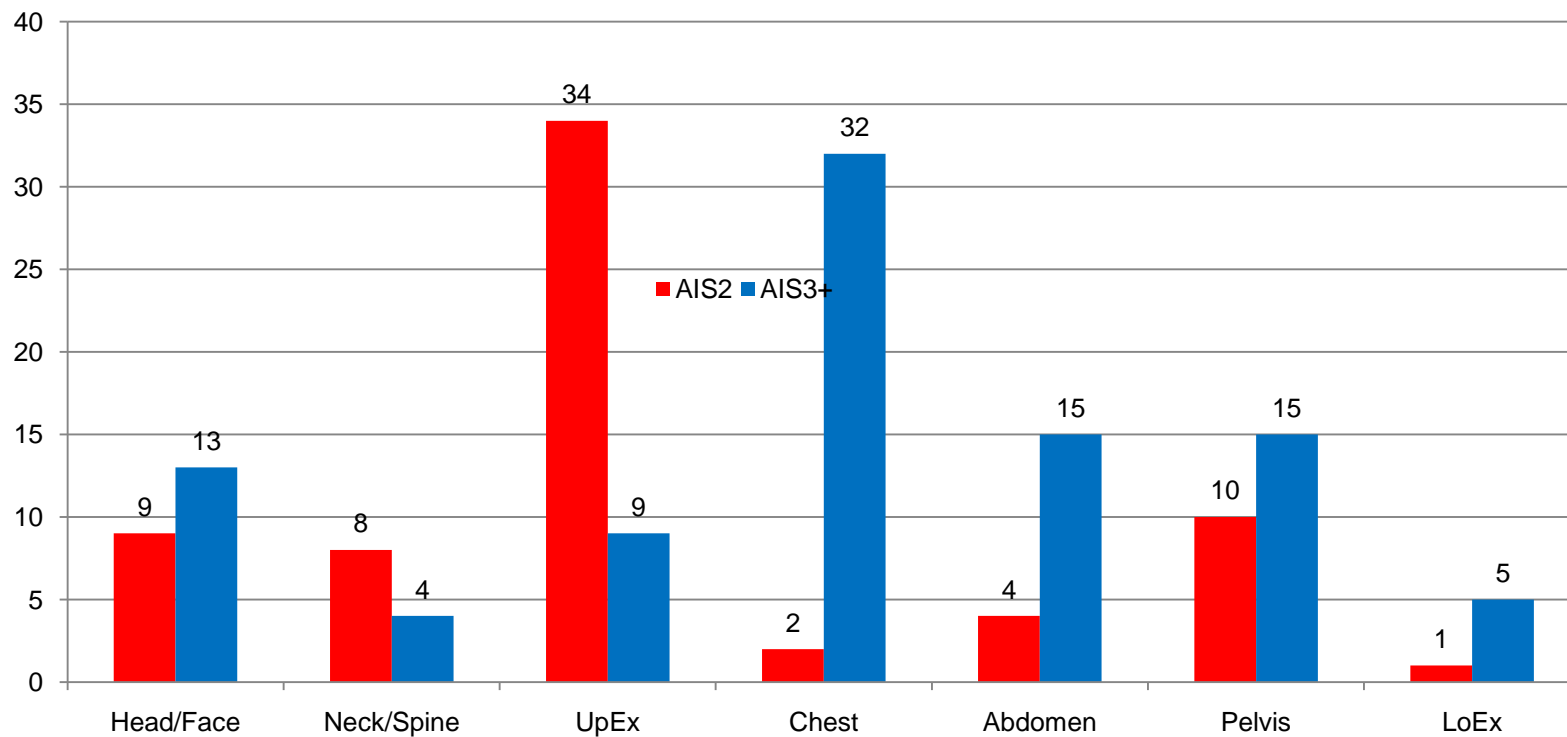
# 61 CIREN Cases w/ Shoulder Injury

- Occupants in passenger cars sustain the great majority of shoulder injuries
- 30 (49%) of impacts involved a collision partner of a larger size
- 7 (11.5%) of impacts involved a tree/pole
- 8 (13%) of impacts were oblique impacts/partial ejection

# 61 CIREN Cases: Impact Types

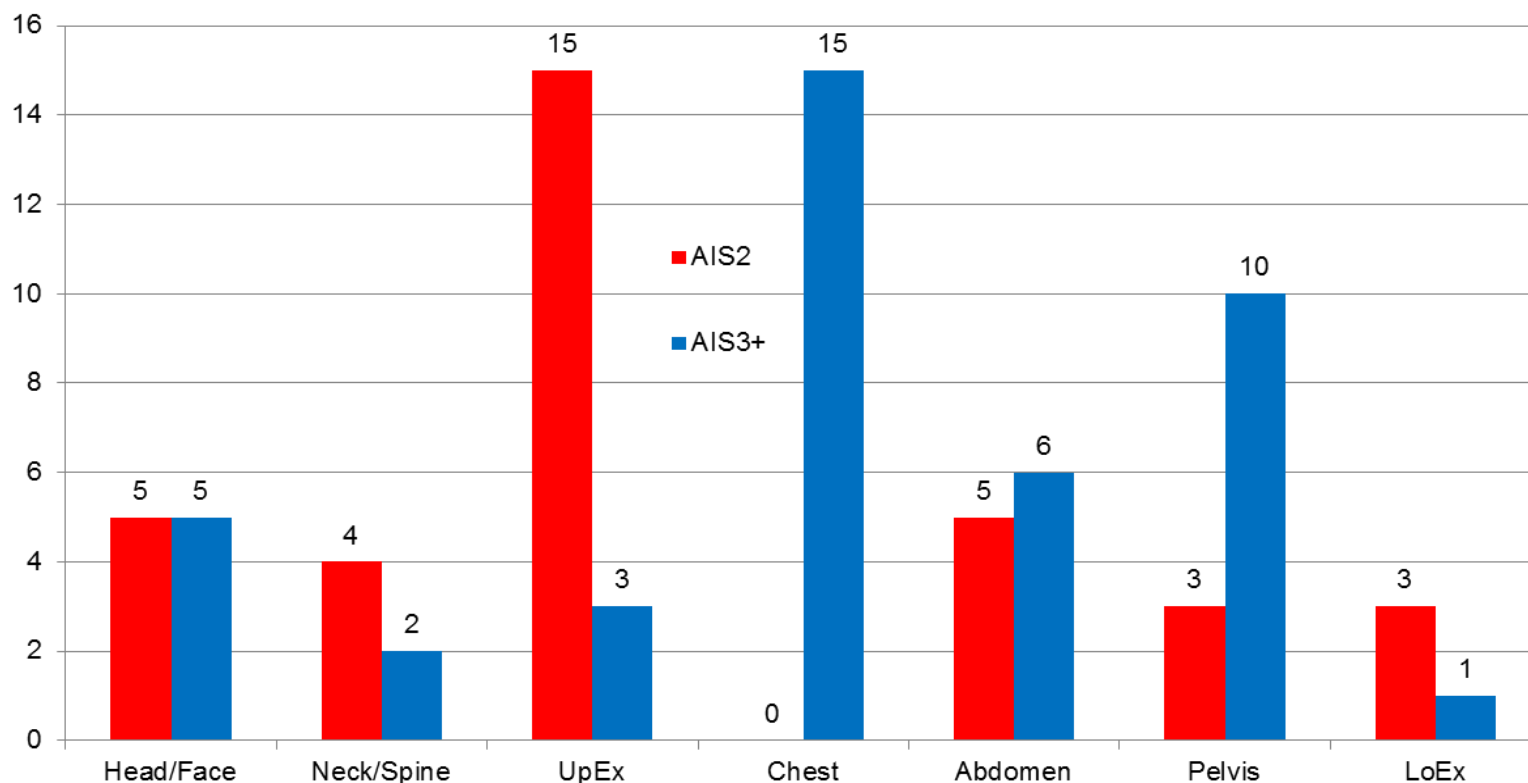
- **43 Drivers with shoulder injury**
  - **LY SOI and other = 8**
  - **Pole = 4**
  - **Mismatch between body size class = 21**
  - **Equivalent body size class = 10**
  - **Barrier = 1**
- **18 Passengers with shoulder injury**
  - **Pole = 3**
  - **Mismatch between body size class = 9**
  - **Equivalent body size class = 5**
  - **Barrier = 1**

# 43 Drivers with Shoulder Injury: MAIS to Each Body Region\*



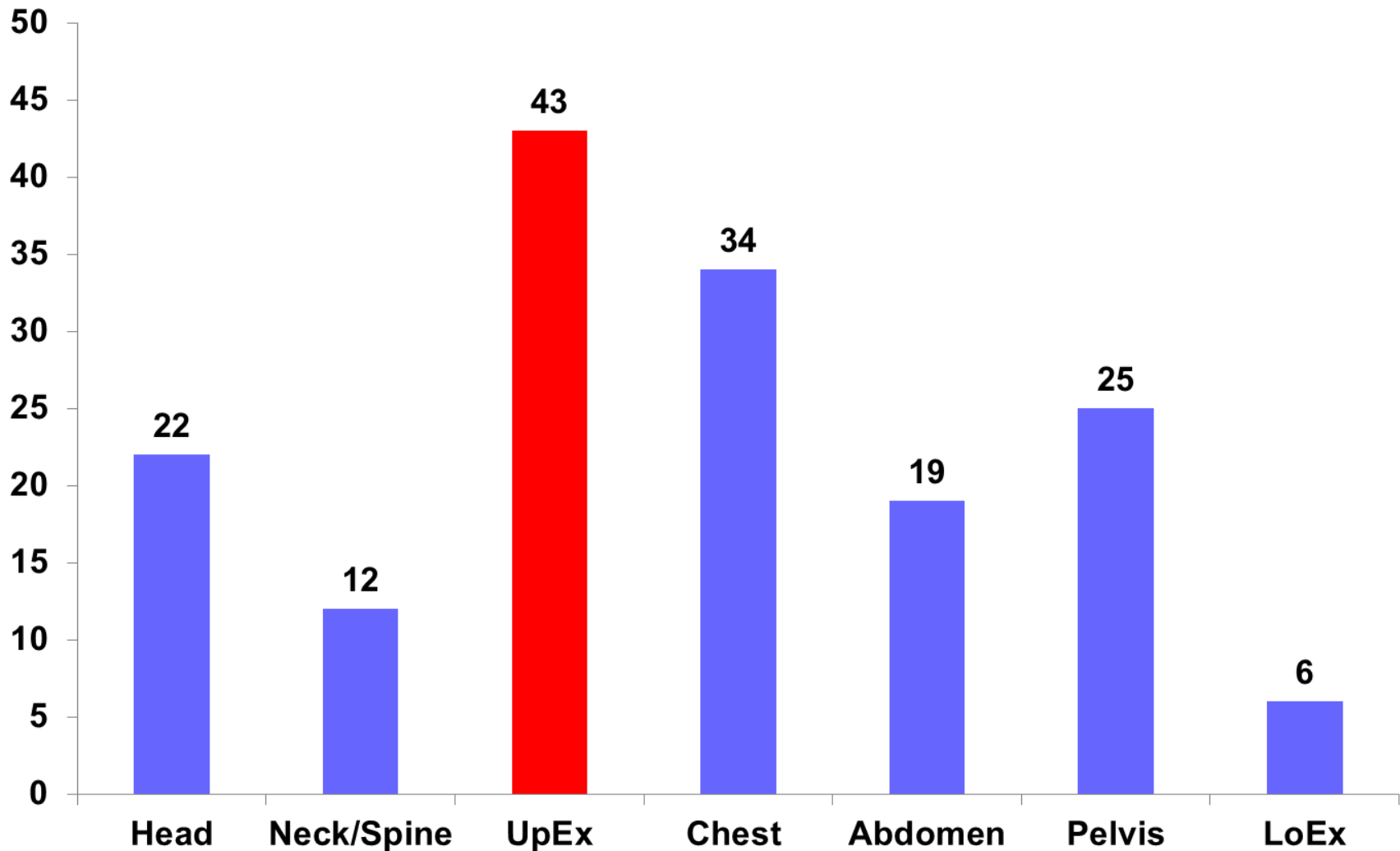
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# Drivers with MAIS2+ Injuries\*

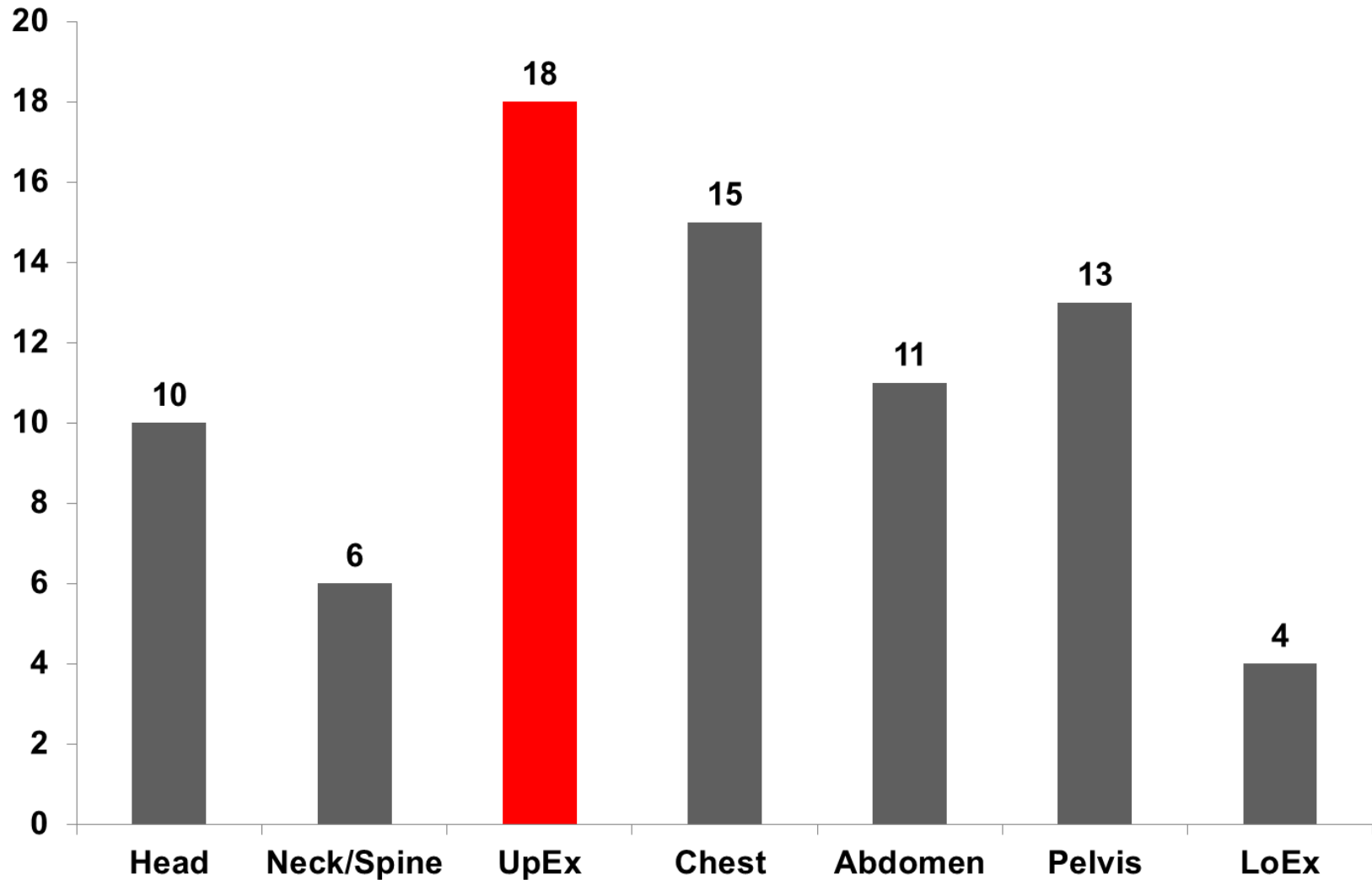


**N = 43**

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# Passengers with MAIS2+ Injuries\*

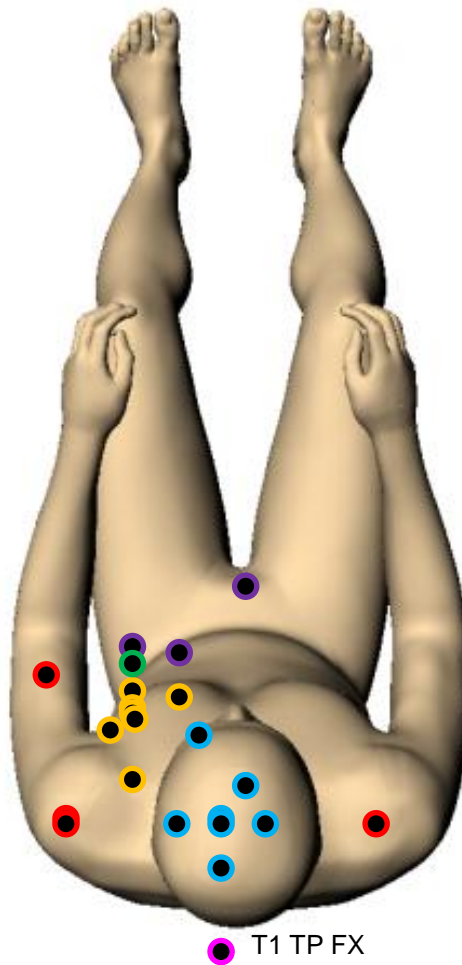


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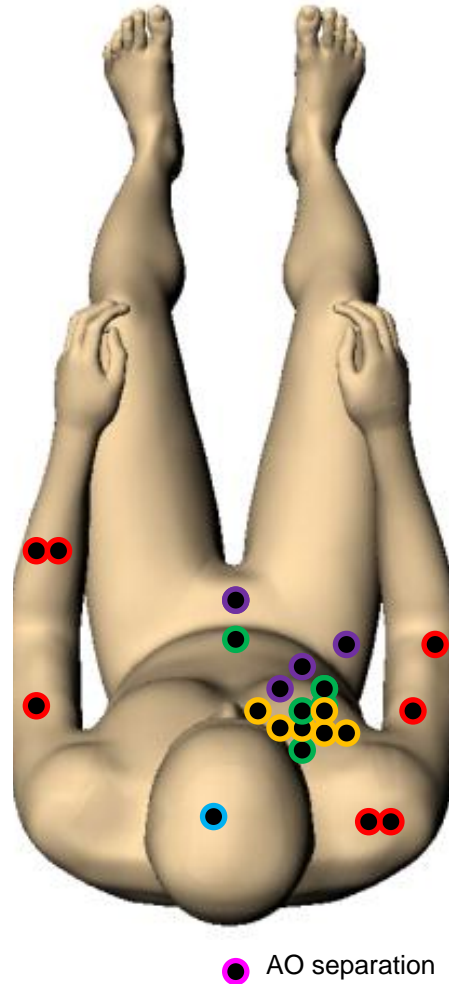
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# PC vs. Tree Driver Passenger and Composite

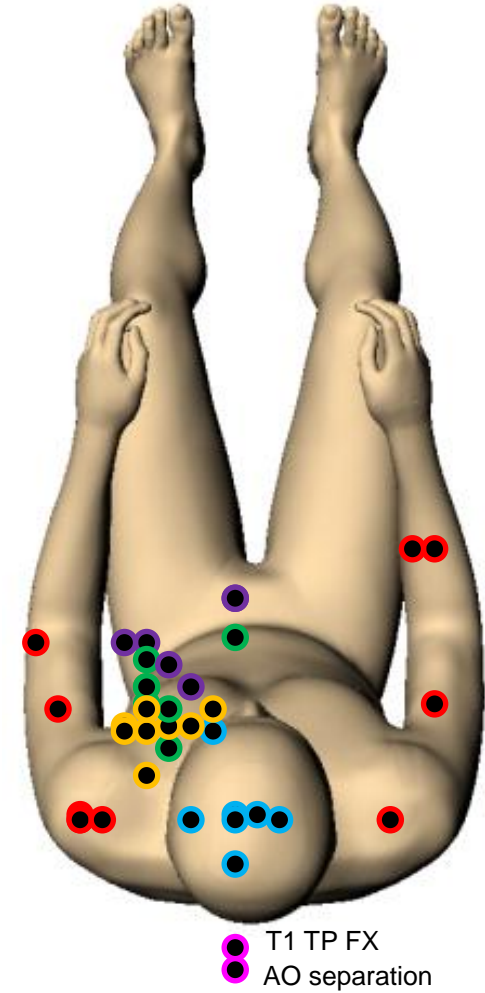
N= 7



Driver = 4



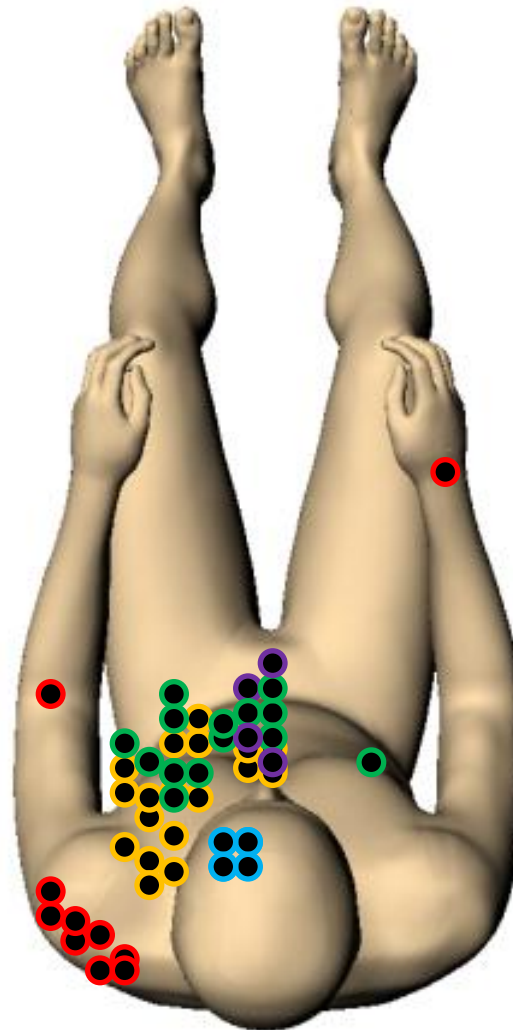
Passenger = 3



Composite = 7

# PC vs. Heavy-Medium Truck/Bus/Semi Drivers

N = 7

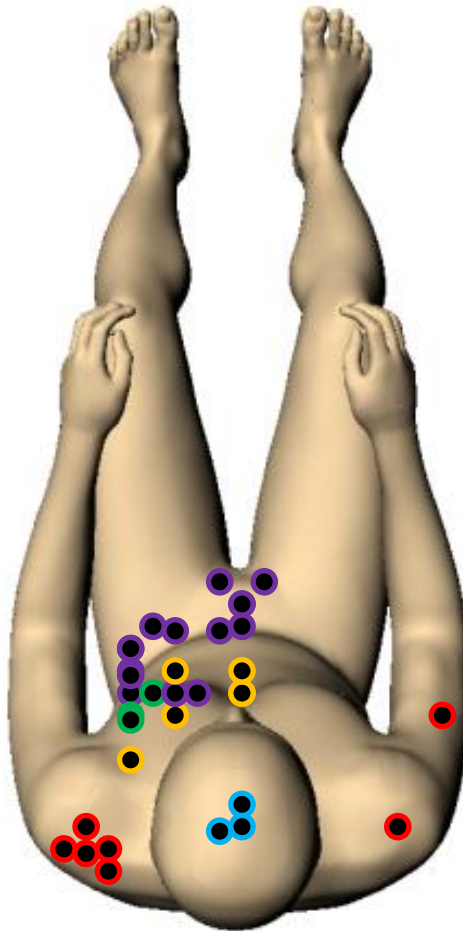


L4 & L5 TP FX  
L3 -5 SP FX

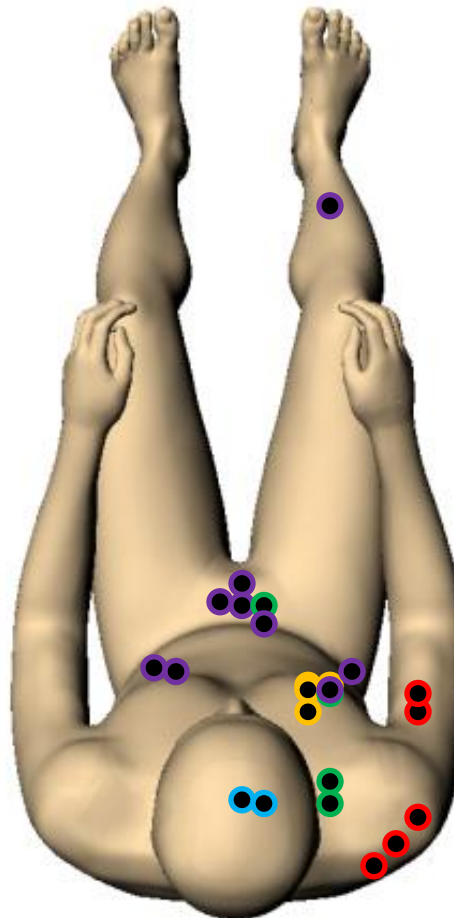
Driver

# PC vs. PC Driver, Passenger and Composite

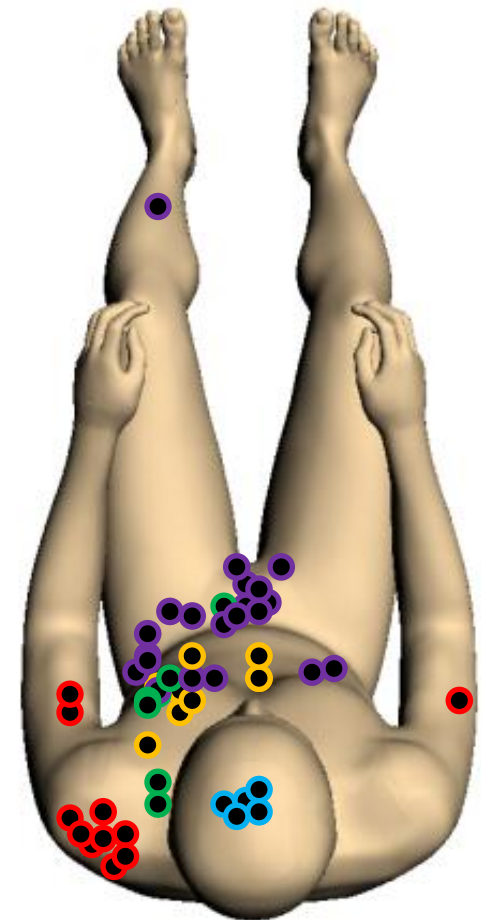
N = 12



Driver = 7



Right-front Passenger = 5

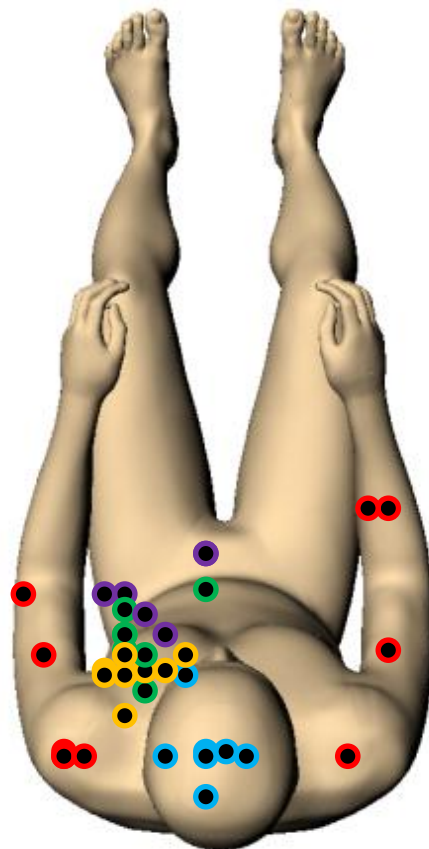
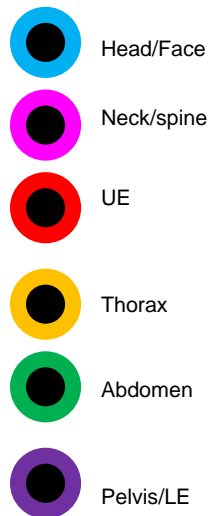


Composite = 12

L3 Body & L1-2 TP  
FX

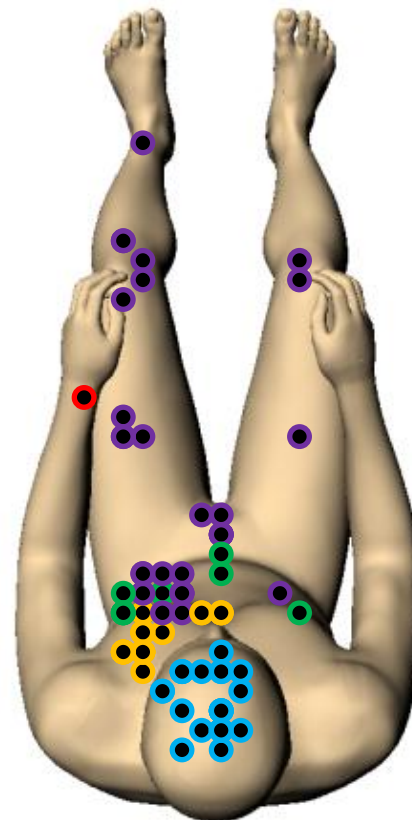
L3 Body & L1-2 TP  
FX

# PC vs. Tree w/ & w/o Shoulder Injury



T1 TP FX  
AO separation

w/ SI Composite: N = 7



L2-L5 TP FX  
L5 TP FX  
L2 & L4-5 TP FX  
L5 TP FX (2)  
T8 body FX L1-5 TP FX (2)  
L3-4 TP FX (2)

w/o SI Driver: N = 15

# Conclusion

- **Shoulder may act as a load path:**
  - somewhat protects the thorax
  - exposes the abdomen
- **Collision partner aggressiveness more relevant than object struck**
- **More SUV/Pickups/Vans without shoulder injuries (13% versus 22%)**
- **More passenger cars with shoulder injuries (87% versus 78%)**
- **CIREN does not provide adequate basis to evaluate SAB/curtains**
- **Research is needed to gauge relation between height of belt-line w.r.t. occupant shoulder position**
- **Pelvic injury analyses different in AIS 1998 and 2005**
- **Dummy measurement implications – shoulder, abdomen, and pelvis**