

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Linear regression model results assessing the effect of age at injury (under 70 years vs  $\geq 70$  years) on the time from admission to surgery (in hours).

Parameter	Estimate	95% CI
Intercept	2.97737	(2.74262-3.21212)
Mechanism of injury = fall	0.10996	(-0.05379-0.27371)
Energy of injury = high	-0.04812	(-0.21273-0.11649)
AIS A or B	-0.39609	(-0.55149--0.24068)
Neurological level		
High cervical (C1-C4)	0.35210	(0.13498-0.56922)
Low cervical (C5-T1)	0.10065	(-0.10922-0.31053)
Thoracic (T2-T10)	0.27942	(0.04214-0.51669)
Age at injury $\geq 70$ years	0.39964	(0.15715-0.64214)
Note: AIS = ASIA Impairment Scale, CI = confidence interval.		