

Appendix A. Sensitivity and Specificity of AUDIT-C for Identifying Unhealthy Alcohol Use (Clinical Samples) or Drinking Above U.S. Recommended Limits (NESARC)

	VA Outpatient Population* (standard AUDIT-C)		Non-VA Outpatient Population† (standard AUDIT-C)		U.S. General Population‡ (NESARC AUDIT-C)	
	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	Sensitivity %	Specificity %
Women						
≥ 2	81	96	89	78	--	--
≥ 3	60	96	73	91	96	80
≥ 4	38	98	57	96	81	93
Men						
≥ 3	95	60	92	79	100	58
≥ 4	86	72	86	89	99	79
≥ 5	68	90	72	96	91	95

*Bradley, 2003 Criterion standard was unhealthy alcohol use (using DSM-IV criteria for AUD); Bush, 1998 (using DSM-III-R criteria for AUD)

†Bradley, 2007 Criterion standard was unhealthy alcohol use (DSM-IV criteria for AUD)

‡Dawson, 2005b Criterion standard was drinking above U.S. Recommended Limits