Title: Socioeconomic deprivation, urban-rural location and alcohol-related mortality in England and Wales

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Author's response to reviews:

Melissa Norton, MD
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Dear Professor Norton,

Re: Socioeconomic deprivation, urban-rural location and alcohol-related mortality in England and Wales

Revisions to the manuscript in response to editorial comments are detailed below:

Formatting changes to be made:

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Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

• A new functioning link has now been provided.

Minor revisions (we can make these changes for you, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above)

Introduction: please rename this section 'Background'.
• This has been renamed.

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• All table titles have been reduced to single sentences and additional text moved to below the tables.

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• We have added the following sentence “The analysis was based on 28,839 deaths.” to the Results section in the Abstract (first sentence) which should have been included in previous submissions – apologies for that and we hope that it will be acceptable. The word count now is 343 for the Abstract.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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