Reviewer’s report

Title: More mental health problems after divorce in couples with high pre-divorce alcohol consumption than in other divorced couples: Results from the HUNT-study

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My main objection remains that 11 years is a long time during which people can acquire one or more spouses/partners; the outcome in the second time period could reflect many intervening events rather than the situation recorded at baseline. This problem should be discussed as well as what readers should take away from the findings, given this issue.

Major Compulsory Revisions- The authors must discuss problems with the 11-year gap and how this affects interpretation of results.

Minor Essential Revision- None
Discretionary Revisions- None

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No conflicts