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Title: Loneliness and health risk behaviours among Russian and U.S. adolescents: a cross-sectional study

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Minor Essential Revisions

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‘The last time you had sexual intercourse, had you been drinking alcohol or using drugs?’ Answer options were ‘I’ve never had sexual intercourse’, ‘Yes’, and ‘No’. The analysis was restricted to those who had previously engaged in sex.

Comment: The sentence in the middle does not give sense.

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Can you please describe more precisely whether there was a random selection also from classes in Russia, and if so, how this corresponds to completing the survey in classrooms during a normal school day.

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This study will extend research on the effects of loneliness by firstly, focusing on its relation with adolescent health risk behaviours (i.e. sexual and violent behaviour) xxx little researched to date.

Comment: xxx – is something missing here e.g. "being" or “that is”?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.