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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR - ALCOHOL INTERVENTIONS, ALCOHOL POLICY AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Thank you for considering the revised manuscript. We are very pleased that our review is considered acceptable for publication.

We have addressed the points raised by the Editor as follows:

1. The ecological framework was developed by Bronfrenbrenner. Organizations like WHO and the CDC now use the ecological framework to frame risk and protective factors for conditions like intimate partner violence. It would be helpful to reference Bronfrenbrenner’s original conceptualization from 1979.

This reference has now been added to the manuscript in line 110.

2. Since most population/community studies used police or hospital data, it is important to note that the most severe cases of IPV are represented in these studies.

Text has been added to the Discussion section in line 534 to this effect.

3. One of the greatest challenges in IPV prevention research, at least in the United States, is identifying funding sources committed to funding larger scale trials. If the authors deem appropriate, it may be important to highlight this in the conclusion section--something to the effect that federal/state investments are needed to ensure that larger, well-designed studies are effectively funded to provide answers to the gaps in the evidence base.

The Editor raises a very important point here. We agree that one implication of proposing better studies is that they will require more funding than is typically available. As this is a universal issue and is likely to be relevant to many countries as well as the United States, we have addressed this more generically in line 549.
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