Author's response to reviews

Title: Party package travel. alcohol use and related problems in a holiday resort - a mixed methods study.

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Dr. Pedersen

Major revisions:
We now mentioned the question of retrospective data in the limitations section
We added a substantial paragraph describing the survey
We opted to use the term "heavy drinking", rather than enter into the controversy over the concept of bingeing.
With regard to age, we use the vague term "young" to refer to the subjects in the sample. The actual age of the group is described in the results section
With regard to choosing Danish travellers, we did not actively exclude respondents from other countries, but for practical reasons, we could only have the questionnaire in Danish.
Regarding seeking medical assistance, this is now explained under the questionnaire.
We chose, rather randomly, 12 items per day as our heavy drinking limit.
Regarding the ties between the ethnographic data and the survey data, we have now discussed at some length how the guide activities may increase the binging, and serve to explain the higher levels of drinking in those travelling with the "Party package travel agencies".
Based on our knowledge of the literature on nightlife tourism, we found that it is common to refer to specific resorts. Also, a tourist resort is different from an individual family or a single institution, and we believe that tourist resorts do not have a right to privacy.
We did not ask how many travelled in groups or with friends. We were under the impression though, that most did travel with friends.

Dr. Nelson
We made a fairly simple regression analysis. We have worked on the analysis
section to clarify this. For instance, concerning the "getting into fights" variable, we did not include drinking in the holiday resort as a predictor, as we agree with Dr. Nelson that this may well be on the causal path. We changed the label in the table to clarify this. We also described in more clarity the coding of the variable for the ordinal regression model.

Much of Dr. Nelson’s comments build on the fact that he had misunderstood the fairly simple statistical model, which is a simple regression of the outcome variable on predictors.