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Title: A randomised controlled trial to measure alcohol use among university students in Sweden measured by an electronic screening instrument

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To the Editor of BMC Public Health,

On behalf of all authors, I hereby submit the article titled Alcohol use among university students in Sweden measured by an electronic alcohol screening instrument, for publication in BMC Public Health. This paper will provide new information on drinking patterns among university students in Nordic settings. The study shows that high risk drinkers tend to underestimate their own consumption compared to others, and that these high risk drinkers experience more negative consequences after alcohol intake, than other respondents. There was a strong belief, for both high- and low-risk drinkers, that alcohol helped celebrations be more festive. This study also confirms findings from other study locations that while males drank more than females in our study population, females reached the same peak alcohol blood concentrations as males. This study provides much needed evidence of that the population of university students in Sweden exhibit patterns similar to their peers in other continents.

I hereby attest that each of us contributed to the conception, design, analysis and interpretation of the project and the writing of the paper. We have all approved the version being submitted. The content has not been published nor is it being considered for publication elsewhere. There are no conflicts of interest.

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