Reviewer’s report

Title: Alcohol use and extramarital sex among men in Cameroon

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Reviewer: Ulla Larsen

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors state on p.4 that the study is limited to married men. On p. 5 and p. 6 the authors define extramarital sex as the act of having sexual intercourse with partner other than the spouse or a cohabiting sexual partner. I would like to see a definition of the men used, i.e. married men include all married and cohabiting men. The study does not provide a model of extramarital sex. It appears to be data driven, e.g. it uses step wise regression in the multivariate analysis. I wonder why some variables are included and others are omitted? For instance, variables about children ever born, e.g. (0, 1-4, 5 and above), times married, (e.g. 1, 2 or higher), type of marriage. (e.g. cohabiting, monogamous, polygamous), tribe (I am not sure the survey gives this variable) and region are not included. Further theory and review of the literature may be in order. The multivariate model appears to include dichotomous variables, but there is no description of how or why the variables are merged. Table 3 is not clear and it needs to be modified. A more detailed discussion of the implications of the findings would be appreciated. It is unclear how the author E.J. Kongryuy could have contributed to the data collection on the basis that the data were collected by the Demographic and Health Surveys.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests