Reviewer's report

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The authors have mentioned the limitations of the alcohol measures given that the data are obtained from surveys. However, they have not mentioned the limitations of the measure used – that one standard drink is equivalent to 12g of alcohol. This is not an international standard. Therefore, one standard drink in one country (eg – Australia) is not equivalent to one standard drink in another (eg – UK). This is a measurement bias associated with the measurement of alcohol consumption in this study, which assumes that all units are equivalent. The authors need to acknowledge this limitation and describe the effect this bias would have on the results (taking into account the countries included in the study and the overall effect, on balance).

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