Author's response to reviews

Title: Consumption and drinking frequency of alcoholic beverage among women in Ghana: A cross-sectional study

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor,

Submission of Revised manuscript – Consumption and drinking frequency of alcoholic beverages among women in Ghana: A cross-sectional study

We hereby submit the revised manuscript entitled "Consumption and drinking frequency of alcoholic beverage among women in Ghana: A cross-sectional study " by Anthony Mwinilanaa Tampah-Naah and Samuel Twumasi Amoah to be considered for publication as a research article in your journal. The manuscript consists of one file; thus the write-up and tables.

We wish to confirm that there are no known conflicts of interest associated with this paper and that there was no financial supports for this work that could have influenced its outcome.

The authors have read and approved the manuscript's content.

Revisions

Reviewer: Priscilla Martinez

MAJOR COMMENTS

Comment 1

Maintaining scientific clarity and integrity

Response to comment 1

The outcome variables were described accordingly throughout the paper – from the Abstract to the Conclusion. ‘PAST WEEK’ was used to specify the time period of alcohol consumption (see lines 227-230). Parentheses were removed and ‘past week’ was made an integral variable. Timeframe was used to determine alcohol use in the methods section (see lines 154-158).

Comment 2

There remain a couple places in the manuscript where the authors state that Consumption of alcoholic beverages is high or frequent among Ghanaian women.

Response to comment 2

We avoided the use of ‘high’ or ‘frequent' to describe alcohol consumption (see lines 376-384)
Comment 3
Manuscript would greatly benefit from a language edit.

Response to comment 3
Manuscript was copyedited to correct language errors.

MINOR COMMENTS

Comment 4
There are no internationally accepted guidelines for daily alcohol consumption

Response to comment 4
This was corrected (see lines 76-83)

Comment 5
Sentence 84-86 is unclear and needs to be re-written

Response to comment 5
The whole paragraph has been re-written (see lines 73-84)

Comment 6
Lines 103-104, for what year were these estimates derived?

Response to comment 6
2011. However, the sentence was re-written (see lines 103-104)

Comment 7
It is unnecessary and makes it difficult to read to have all the categories for the covariates listed in the results section

Lines 251-253 are not needed since this is already explained in the method

Response to comment 7
Only significant covariates were indicated (see lines 232-236)

Lines 251-253 were deleted.
We hope you find our manuscript suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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