Reviewer’s report

Title: Investigating the growing trend of non-drinking among young people; analysis of repeated cross-sectional surveys in England 2005-2015

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Page 4, line 54  consider inserting "lower"
Education, lower income,

Page 4 Line 69
Could it be that factors associated with a person's spirituality or faith/religion are influencing this phenomenon, e.g., increasing numbers of people ascribing to Islamic or Evangelical Protestant influences? One might consider exploring this with the DUREL or a similar tool if ever one performed a survey. I am not sure if these factors are available in your data set.

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Perhaps the proportion of people employed increased among non-drinkers as they may possibly get up and go to work more than those who, let's say, binge drink? Perhaps working hard limits time for drinking?

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