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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Reviewer's report:
The manuscript entitled "Investigating the growing trend of non-drinking among young people; analysis of repeated cross-sectional surveys in England 2005-2015" is an interesting piece of work. Its aim is to identify how changes in non-drinking among young people have accompanied changing drinking patterns overall.

There are some minor changes that need to be addressed by the authors:
- There are some misspelling and grammatical mistakes throughout the manuscript. For example, see lines 38, 87 or 103. The authors should revise all sections of the manuscript and correct the mistakes.
- In the first research question, the occasional drinkers and those who abstained the previous week are not types of non-drinkers considering the definition in methods. Please clarify this research question.
- Table 1, 2 and 3 should indicate that the numbers shown are percentages. The format for numbers should be the same in all tables.
- In figure 1, it should be interesting to add the figures of the correlations represented.
- Page 8, line 207: there is a mistake in the 95%CI. It does not correspond with the figures in table S3. Please revise.

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