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We have done this.

Terry Boyle (Reviewer 3): I agree with Reviewers 1 and 2 who are happy for this manuscript to be accepted, with the exception of one point related to Professor Sitas' first comment.

Specifically, I think the sentence “The majority of these women are currently unaware of the cancer risk, and we suspect may be surprised and perhaps horrified to learn that a drinking a bottle of wine per week carries the same cancer risk as smoking ten cigarettes per week” still implies drinking a bottle of wine per week is as dangerous (in terms of cancer risk) to an individual as smoking ten cigarettes per week. I suggest this sentence be deleted from the manuscript to avoid any potential misunderstanding (particularly given this study is likely to receive media attention).

We have removed this sentence - page 15, line 15.