Reviewer’s report

Title: Predicting hazardous drinking in late adolescence/young adulthood from early and excessive adolescent drinking - A longitudinal cross-national study of Norwegian and Australian adolescents

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Reviewer: Reviewer 2

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"PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)
Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

INTERPRETATION - Is the current interpretation/discussion of the results reasonable and not overstated?
Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Yes - current version is technically sound

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: This study used prospective, cross-national data to examine the relationship of EOD and EOE with hazardous drinking in the transition to adulthood. My overall assessment is that this study does a good job of addressing limitations in the existing knowledge base by examining whether EOD, independent of EOE, prospectively predicts hazardous drinking using two unique datasets. Reviewer number two asks the authors to provide greater details about sample attrition (and by maternal education), different types of measurement to
make comparisons (particularly in the outcome), along with adding descriptives and addressing some errors. The authors do a nice job of addressing this feedback and making changes to the manuscript. I agree with their assessment that these changes strengthen the rigor of the study that is presented.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
The revisions that have been made make the presentation of the study strong."

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
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Yes

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I am able to assess the statistics

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