Author’s response to reviews

Title: Exploring the characteristics of newly defined at-risk drinkers following the change to the UK Low Risk Drinking Guidelines: A retrospective analysis using Health Survey for England data

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for your additional comments on our manuscript.

Please find attached a revised manuscript including:

1. Additional information on the rationale for verbal consent, the fact it was REC approved and a reference for full documentation on the consent process for the Health Survey for England.

2. Additional details regarding the funders and the fact that they had no role in the conduct of the study.

3. Additional information on the questionnaires used. The questionnaires used within the Health Survey for England are all available online and I have provided a reference both for the full questionnaire (which is a lengthy document) and for a document outlining the background to the alcohol measures. We hope that these references provide a sufficiently comprehensive explanation on the measures used in the study.
4. The abbreviations have been reformatted into a list rather than a table.

5. Any coloured text has been removed and a clean document has been uploaded.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any further questions.

With best wishes,

Philippa Case