Reviewer’s report

Title: Estimate of undergraduate university student alcohol use in China: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Jerome Antoine

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Dear authors,

Thank you for your interesting paper. Here are some remarks:

General remarks:
- You should write the terms "Last 30 day alcohol use" in a consistent way throughout the paper

Specific remarks:
P2L9: "studies" should be deleted (twice)
P3L3: delete "occurred"
P3L10: Add "In China"
P4L11: Add references
P4L15: Add "high and middle school"
P5L2: Add a reference to prisma like recommended here (http://www.prisma-statement.org/PRISMAStatement/PRISMAStatement.aspx)
P5L9: Why did you search the grey literature when the selection criteria is being published in a peer-reviewed journal
P6L11: Why references 19 and 20 are not cited in the introduction as they fit perfectly the topic?
P11L7: 171 instead of 172
P12L1: Putting Table 2 and Figure 2 together in 1 figure if possible
college? --> university

Table 5: The N values doesn't seem correct. For definition="No" I count 9 studies.

Mainland China with capital letter

parts of the world

"The educational circumstances and the drinking culture in China are very different from other countries": I think this statement is a bit too generic: China vs other countries (Western countries may be?)

"drinking is typically not felt to be remarkable activity" I would nuance for women because we read that this is relatively new for women.

I was wondering if there was may be some kind of initiation rituals among students where drinking plays an important role

Table 1:

- Uniform 2 digit after comma
- Aximu [34]: % Females: wrong number
- Sun [33]: Response rate: What "T" means?
- Liang [39]: Alcohol use questionnaire: N/A means that it's not mentioned? Please specify in methodology
- Trained data collector: No instead of N/A (like mentioned in methodology)
- Region: should put extra column with location of the province (East, Middle, West) for those who don't know China provinces
- Guo [52]: Region = National like in Ji [19]

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