

Review of: "Which sociocultural determinants of pre-drinking amongst undergraduate university students influence motivation"

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This paper has an exciting theme. I understand the difficulty of trying to have a cohesive sample in several countries and reaching this target audience. Even if your sample is considered small compared to all the countries analyzed, I recommend that you write this in a limitations section separate from the discussion and explain why the adversities about the sample. I am against this science that accuses who use a small sample to devalue an entire work. Of course, having a large sample when you work with quantitative methods is crucial, but sometimes we can't.

With that in mind, here are some suggestions:

1. Limitation Section;
2. In the participant's section, it would be interesting to report that the collection was carried out during **the pandemic period** (try to incorporate with the text below that you mention the restrictions). I understand entirely the low sample, I did work with two countries in the same period, and I had a low sample as well;
3. I don't particularly like so many tables, and maybe I would make two bar graphs to explain some contexts;
4. Why not separate the countries by Eastern and Western or Continents? Since we have very different aspects between cultures, laws, and consumption;
5. I suggest removing samples with less than 10 participants, and you could propose another qualitative study with this smaller sample (Just to avoid interference in the sample).
6. It is essential to explain the motivation part better, as it appears in the title.

Thanks again for the invitation to review. We want a more collaborative and understandable science regarding all the crossings we face today.