

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

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The subject of the paper is very interesting and you have clearly done a very comprehensive literature review but i would suggest for publication, to condense the introduction to one or two paragraphs.

Also when discussing the COVID-19 restrictions I think it would be helpful to state the years and months that this is reflecting and the years and months over which data was collected as the UK did have lockdown restrictions in place during the pandemic and university teaching went completely online for over a year.

It is generally best practice to avoid acronyms where they are not very well know: PD and DG made it very confusing to read at points.

Additionally, what was the justification for excluding those over age 30? If there was a rationale for it, it should be stated

Also as others have said, this is too small of a sample to really be making comparisons with. I would recommend perhaps focusing on just the UK and/or Singapore and providing more context as the the legal and social contexts of the countries in relation to university drinking cultures and the drinking culture more widely.

I also do not think you can say you have evaluate the sociocultural determinants of pre-drinking and drinking games, it may be better reframed as an exploration of university students motivations for and participation in pre-drinking and drinking games

I do think this work has a lot of potential but I think it needs a lot of reframing and be careful that you are not making conculaions beyond what your data actually says