

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

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The authors made a good effort by embarking on such study. However, issues raised need to be addressed before publishing the work. For instance, (1) I suggest the title to read thus: Socio-cultural determinants of Pre-drinking Influences Motivation among Undergraduate University students in Singapore and mainland Europe during COVID-19 Lockdown.

(2) The abstract of this study is not well written. For instance, the design, the instruments for data collection, and the statistical package for data analysis were not clearly stated in the abstract. This should be revisited.

(2) There are too many open statement without any empirical evidence in the work, e.g., Pre-Drinking (PD) has been highlighted as a global health concern. With this kind of statement one can easily ask: How sure are sure?.

(3) The purpose/aim of the study stated by the authors are 4, so why did they now have only one hypothesis? This needs to be justified.

(4) In the description of the participants, the age range, mean age and the Standard Deviation were not clearly stated. This should be made clear.

(5) I suggest the authors should bring in COVID-19 Lockdown in the title to be specific, otherwise it will be of no use having a sub-caption: COVID-19 restrictions in each country. This will help the readers to understand that the study was carried out during COVID-19 lockdown.

(6) For the demographics: the authors need to justify the reason why the students' level of studies were not captured as one of the demographics.

(6) This study is good, but the presentation is poor. In addition, the literature review is poor; the study has no enough empirical literature reviewed.

(7) Some of the in-text citations are old. The authors should adopt the APA reference style 7th edition and correct the references.

