

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

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I found the concept of this article quite interesting. The idea of examining the various stages of alcohol use and the reasons as to why is definitely something that needs to be explored more in depth. I thought the authors literature review provided a solid foundation for the study. The theoretical foundation that was utilized appears to be appropriate, but I don't know if I truly saw this in the interpretation of the data or how the variables were operationalized.

The main outcome of PD - I struggled with determining how this was being assessed. A single item assessed drinking and it appears that follow up questions assess pre-drinking and drinking games. These seem to be 2 very different things, which concerned me.

The authors do not speak how the samples are different or similar, in that its not clear if comparisons can truly be made across these groups.

I might recommend determining ways that the research could be utilized. The authors mention harm reduction and i wondered how this may be explored across the various cultures seem in this study.