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Dear Editor-in Chief:

Title: BINGE DRINKING: BURDEN OF LIVER DISEASE AND BEYOND

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

(1) Recently binge drinking is an important health care problem. This article explains clearly what is binge drinking and its potential consequences, in my opinion this is a good review.

We thank the comments and the effort reviewing our paper.

(2) The importance of the research and the significance of the research contents. The authors of this article have been evaluated the organic effects of binge drinking on different organs and systems. The importance and significant of the research contents is high, because the binge drinking is remarkably common and proliferating condition throughout young global populations. This problem is gaining broad attention from both scientists

and clinicians. (2) The novelty and innovative nature of the research Consumption patterns of alcoholic beverages have changed in modern society, and binge drinking has generalized. The reason for this change and its implications for the individual and the society are not well known. This article try to answer to this question, using a comprehensive approach to the binge-drinking problem. (3) The quality of the manuscript's presentation and readability Review is well organized, but is too long. The systematic theoretical analyses and conclusions are provided. The main title is not reflect the major topic and content of the study. (4) The ethics-related aspects of the research Not relevant for this article (authors have performed review of original articles) ?

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Title: (1) The main titles is not reflect the major topic and content of the study.

Abstract: it doesn't present a clear delineation of the research background, objectives and aims.

Introduction: present relevant information about epidemiology of binge drinking and aims of the study.

DEFINITION OF BINGE DRINKING This part reflect the controversial term of binge drinking, which lacks a consensus among the different studies.

EPIDEMIOLOGY This part highlights that binge consumption of alcohol is increasing at an alarming rate worldwide.

DIMENSION OF THE PROBLEM That is a part of epidemiology not reasonable to divide it in separated section.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO That is not a topic of this article

APPROACHING THE PROBLEM This part need to have systematic theoretical analyses of effectiveness of social and political interventions are available to decrease this type of consumption with objective information.

References: (1) The references appropriate, relevant, and up-to-date.

Tables and Figures: (1) The tables reflect the major findings of the study (2) The tables designed to present the maximal amount of information in the most concise and clear manner (3) Figure 1 in not relevant.

We appreciate this kind comments and the effort reviewing our paper. We have modified the abstract and introduction. We agree that dimension of the problem is a part of epidemiology and is not reasonable to divide in separate section and we have modified the epidemiology section and deleted the section "dimension of the problem". We have included only objective information in in "approaching the problem. We have deleted the figure 1 legend as suggested. We think that alcohol and tobacco section is relevant to understand the manuscript.

(3) This is a very complete paper about this topic but is too long and sometimes very exhausting. There are several phrases/information that are repeated during the entire paper. The section concerning " approaching the problem" is very political, reflects in some points the authors opinions on this topic; this is not an Editorial but a review paper. This section and all the paper should only have objective information, authors opinion on this topic must be remove and also the reference to SABMiller. When authors describe the effect of binge drinking in liver disease, there is more information about tobacco and liver diseases (more than 1 page) than alcohol and liver diseases. There should be more information about alcohol/binge drinking and

hepatocarcinoma. Contributions of each author should be described. There are too many keywords (10) and they are too confusing. Table 2 has the factors associated with binge drinking with the OR, but there is no reference, where was this information obtained? Figure 1 is irrelevant.

We thank the comments and suggestions. According to the suggestion of the reviewer we have included only objective information in the section concerning "approaching the problem" and more information about alcohol and hepatocarcinoma. We have included contributions of each author and have decreased the number of keywords. We have included the reference in table 2 and we have deleted the figure 1.

Thank you again for taking our manuscript into consideration for publication in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Fábrega', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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