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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This interesting manuscript about alcohol consumption and BE is interesting for the readership and should be published. However, the conclusion stating that alcohol consumption increases the incidence of BE can not be made. The discussion nicely highlights the problems with a wide variation on confounding factors. The heterogeneity of the different studies is too big in order to compare and draw conclusions. Figure 1 does not contribute to the results and should be omitted