

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY

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SUMMARY

Aim: Alcohol consumption among adolescents is a serious public health problem in South Korea. Our study examined the relationship between alcohol consumption and academic achievement in Korean adolescents. In 2011, 75,643 students from seventh to twelfth grade participated in the Seventh Korea Youth Risk Behaviour Web-based Survey (KYRBWS-VII)

Method: We performed multivariate logistic regression analysis to examine the associations between alcohol consumption, frequency of severe alcohol intoxication, and academic achievement for both girls and boys.

Results: Compared to non-drinkers, the odds of achieving average or higher academic performance significantly decreased for both boys and girls with increasing number of days per month with reported alcohol consumption ($p \leq 0.008$). Further, odds of achieving average or higher academic performance significantly decreased with increasing amounts of alcohol consumed compared to non-drinkers ($p \leq 0.026$). Additionally, the odds of achieving average or higher academic performance according to the frequency of severe alcohol intoxication were only significantly decreased for 1–2 days per month of severe intoxication ($p < 0.001$).

Conclusion: Both boys and girls with increased alcohol consumption and frequency of severe alcohol intoxication had below average academic achievement in Korea. To improve academic achievement, we recommend interventions that reduce alcohol consumption among adolescents.

Key words: academic achievement, adolescent, alcohol, Korea Youth Risk Behaviour Web-based Survey

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INTRODUCTION

In 2010, the US Department of Health and Human Services reported 51.8% of the population aged 12 years or older to be current alcohol drinkers (approximately 131.3 million) (1). In addition, heavy drinking was reported by 6.7% of the population aged 12 years or older (approximately 16.9 million). Among that population, 23.1% (approximately 58.6 million) participated in binge drinking at least once in the past 30 days. In 2010, rates of current alcohol use were 3.1% among adolescents aged 12 or 13 years, 12.4% among those aged 14 or 15 years, 24.6% among those aged 16 or 17 years, and 48.9% among those aged 18–20 years (1).

In 2011, the Korea Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDCP) reported that 23.7% of boys and 17.1% of girls, aged 12–18, from the middle to high school third grade were current alcohol drinkers, which was defined as having had at least 1 alcoholic drink in the past 30 days. KCDCP also reported that the prevalence of alcohol drinking among middle and high school students is increasing year after year (2). Therefore, alcohol drinking among adolescents has become a serious social

and public health problem in both the United States and South Korea (1, 2).

Alcohol drinking can have negative health effects such as neurological problems (i.e., dementia, stroke, and neuropathy), cardiovascular problems (i.e., myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathy, atrial fibrillation, and hypertension), psychiatric problems (i.e., depression, anxiety, and suicide), social problems (i.e., unemployment, lost productivity, and family problems), cancer (i.e., mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, colon, and breast), liver diseases (i.e., alcoholic hepatitis and cirrhosis), and other gastrointestinal problems (i.e., pancreatitis and gastritis) (3–12).

Furthermore, several studies have reported that low levels of academic achievement are associated with alcohol drinking (13–15). One potential explanation for this association is that chronic alcohol consumption leads to structural changes in the brain resulting in reduced memory and cognitive functions (16).

However, to our knowledge, there is no epidemiologic evidence among Korean adolescents regarding the association between alcohol consumption and academic achievement. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to examine whether alcohol use was related to academic achievement in Korean adolescents.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The Seventh Korea Youth Risk Behaviour Web-based Survey (KYRBWS-VII) was conducted in 2011. KYRBWS-VII is a cross-sectional epidemiologic study that utilizes a complex sample design with a 16-city-cluster sample strategy that covers all of South Korea. For this study, we used the national school-based survey conducted by KCDCP. This survey estimates the prevalence of risky behaviours among adolescent Korean students from middle school through high school (2). We sampled 400 middle and 400 high schools to evaluate the association between alcohol consumption and academic achievement. We also collected information on potential confounding variables such as age, body mass

index, smoking, breakfast consumption, parental education level, economic status of the family, mental stress, vigorous physical activity (PA), moderate PA, and muscular strength exercises. This survey was found to be valid and reliable (17, 18); further details on data collection are described by KCDCP (2).

This survey was administered to a nationally representative group, and as the survey did not collect personal information, ethical approval was not required. Furthermore, all study procedures were approved by the Korea Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Each student was assigned a unique identification number that was unknown to any of the study investigators. Students used this identification number to access the survey online. Students then indicated that they were willing to participate. We

Table 1. The characteristics of subjects

Variables		Boys (N=37,873)	Girls (N=37,770)	Total (N=75,643)
Age (years)		15.08 ± 1.75	15.12 ± 1.75	15.10 ± 1.75
Height (cm)		169.90 ± 8.02	159.99 ± 5.36	164.95 ± 8.43
Weight (kg)		60.51 ± 11.67	51.84 ± 7.81	56.18 ± 10.84
Body mass index (kg/m ²)		20.86 ± 3.21	20.22 ± 2.63	20.54 ± 2.95
Academic achievement n (%)	Very high	4,606 (12.2)	3,707 (9.8)	8,313 (11.0)
	High	8,986 (23.7)	9,267 (24.6)	18,253 (24.1)
	Average	10,055 (26.6)	10,320 (27.3)	20,375 (26.9)
	Low	9,362 (24.7)	9,973 (26.4)	19,335 (25.6)
	Very low	4,864 (12.8)	4,503 (11.9)	9,367 (12.4)
Alcohol consumption frequency n (%)	Non-drinker	29,021 (76.5)	31,028 (82.1)	60,049 (79.3)
	1–2 day(s) per month	4,607 (12.2)	4,117 (10.9)	8,724 (11.5)
	3–5 days per month	1,734 (4.6)	1,116 (3.0)	2,850 (3.8)
	6–9 days per month	1,120 (3.0)	668 (1.8)	1,788 (2.4)
	10–19 days per month	804 (2.1)	532 (1.4)	1,336 (1.8)
	20–30 days per month	587 (1.6)	309 (0.8)	896 (1.2)
Alcohol consumption n (%)	Non-drinker	29,021 (76.5)	31,028 (82.1)	60,049 (79.4)
	< 1 bottle of beer*	3,182 (8.5)	3,111 (8.3)	6,293 (8.3)
	1 ≤ 2 bottles of beer	1,614 (4.3)	1,335 (3.5)	2,949 (3.9)
	2 ≤ 3 bottles of beer	949 (2.5)	791 (2.1)	1,740 (2.3)
	3 ≤ 4 bottles of beer	1,981 (5.2)	1,174 (3.1)	3,155 (4.2)
	≥ 4 bottles of beer	1,126 (3.0)	331 (0.9)	1,457 (1.9)
Frequency of severe alcohol intoxication n (%)	Non-drinker	29,021 (76.5)	31,028 (82.1)	60,049 (79.4)
	No severe alcohol intoxication	7,492 (19.9)	5,689 (15.1)	13,181 (17.4)
	1–2 day(s) per month	1,003 (2.7)	840 (2.2)	1,843 (2.4)
	3–4 days per month	149 (0.4)	100 (0.3)	249 (0.3)
	over 5 days per month	208 (0.5)	113 (0.3)	321 (0.4)
Frequency of smoking n (%)	No smoking	31,522 (83.2)	35,133 (93.0)	66,655 (88.1)
	1–2 day(s) per month	1,076 (2.8)	576 (1.5)	1,652 (2.2)
	3–5 days per month	477 (1.3)	260 (0.7)	737 (1.0)
	6–9 days per month	405 (1.1)	177 (0.5)	582 (0.8)
	10–19 days per month	493 (1.3)	244 (0.6)	737 (1.0)
	20–29 days per month	563 (1.5)	250 (0.7)	813 (1.1)
	Every day	3,337 (8.8)	1,130 (3.0)	4,467 (5.9)

*One bottle of beer contains 22.5 grams of alcohol.

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Variables		Boys (N = 37,873)	Girls (N = 37,770)	Total (N = 75,643)
Mental stress n (%)	Very high	3,619 (9.6)	5,472 (14.5)	9,091 (12.0)
	High	9,928 (26.2)	13,098 (34.7)	23,026 (30.4)
	Average	16,649 (44.0)	14,833 (39.3)	31,482 (41.6)
	Low	6,468 (17.1)	3,968 (10.5)	10,436 (13.8)
	Very low	1,209 (3.2)	399 (1.1)	1,608 (2.1)
Frequency of breakfast consumption n (%)	No breakfast per week	5,162 (13.6)	4,187 (11.1)	9,349 (12.4)
	1 day per week	1,974 (5.1)	2,174 (5.8)	4,121 (5.4)
	2 days per week	2,383 (6.3)	2,626 (7.0)	5,009 (6.6)
	3 days per week	2,579 (6.8)	2,874 (7.6)	5,453 (7.2)
	4 days per week	2,119 (5.6)	2,435 (6.4)	4,554 (6.0)
	5 days per week	3,286 (8.7)	3,789 (10.0)	7,075 (9.4)
	6 days per week	3,606 (9.5)	4,386 (11.6)	7,992 (10.6)
Education level of father n (%)	Every day	16,791 (44.3)	15,299 (40.5)	32,090 (42.4)
	Middle school or lower	1,843 (4.9)	1,943 (5.1)	3,786 (5.0)
	High school	12,587 (33.2)	13,954 (36.9)	26,541 (35.1)
	College or higher	16,601 (43.8)	15,908 (42.1)	32,509 (43.0)
Education level of mother n (%)	Unknown	6,842 (18.1)	5,965 (15.8)	12,807 (16.9)
	Middle school or lower	1,765 (4.7)	2,025 (5.4)	3,790 (5.0)
	High school	16,192 (42.8)	18,402 (48.7)	34,594 (45.7)
	College or higher	12,723 (33.6)	12,022 (31.8)	24,745 (32.7)
Economic status of the family n (%)	Unknown	7,193 (19.0)	5,321 (14.1)	12,514 (16.5)
	Very rich	3,165 (8.4)	1,612 (4.3)	4,777 (6.3)
	Rich	9,401 (24.8)	8,253 (21.9)	17,654 (23.3)
	Average	16,929 (44.7)	18,833 (49.9)	35,762 (47.3)
	Poor	6,336 (16.7)	7,213 (19.1)	13,549 (17.9)
Frequency of vigorous physical activity n (%)	Very poor	2,042 (5.4)	1,859 (4.9)	3,901 (5.2)
	No vigorous PA	6,095 (16.1)	15,942 (42.2)	22,037 (11.0)
	Once a week	6,414 (16.9)	7,995 (21.2)	14,409 (19.0)
	Twice a week	7,481 (19.8)	6,139 (16.3)	13,620 (18.0)
	Thrice a week	7,111 (18.8)	4,097 (10.8)	11,208 (14.8)
	4 times a week	3,176 (8.4)	1,382 (3.7)	4,558 (6.0)
Frequency of moderate physical activity n (%)	5 times a week or more	7,596 (20.1)	2,215 (5.9)	9,811 (13.0)
	No moderate PA	7,383 (19.5)	13,794 (36.5)	21,177 (28.0)
	Once a week	7,276 (19.2)	8,776 (23.2)	16,052 (21.2)
	Twice a week	7,752 (20.5)	6,851 (18.1)	14,603 (19.3)
	Thrice a week	6,523 (17.2)	4,500 (11.9)	11,023 (14.6)
	4 times a week	2,565 (6.8)	1,484 (3.9)	4,049 (5.4)
Frequency of muscular strength exercises n (%)	5 times a week or more	6,374 (16.8)	2,365 (6.3)	8,739 (11.6)
	No muscular strength exercises	13,608 (35.9)	25,283 (66.9)	38,891 (51.4)
	Once a week	7,483 (19.8)	6,014 (15.9)	13,497 (17.8)
	Twice a week	5,481 (14.5)	2,909 (7.7)	8,390 (11.1)
	Thrice a week	4,542 (12.0)	1,649 (4.4)	6,191 (8.2)
	4 times a week	1,781 (4.7)	628 (1.7)	2,409 (3.2)
Frequency of muscular strength exercises n (%)	5 times a week or more	4,978 (13.1)	1,287 (3.4)	6,265 (8.3)

Data are expressed as mean \pm standard deviation or n (%)

had a response rate of 95.5% (75,643 out of 79,202 students) with 37,873 boys and 37,770 girls participating in this study. Characteristics of study participants are shown in Table 1.

Dependent Variables

Academic achievement was self-reported by each student using the question “What do you believe your academic achievement to be in school?”. Student responses were: very high academic achievement; high academic achievement; average academic achievement; low academic achievement; and very low academic achievement. Participants were then divided into 2 groups. The first group included those who responded very high academic achievement, high academic achievement, and average academic achievement. The second group included those who reported below average academic achievement; this group was the reference group.

Independent Variables

Self-reported frequency of alcohol consumption was evaluated by the question “In the last 1 month, how often did you drink more than 1 glass?”. Responses ranged from non-drinker, 1–2 day(s) per month, 3–5 days per month, 6–9 days per month, 10–19 days per month, and 20–30 days per month. Amount of alcohol consumed in the past month was evaluated as “In the last 1 month, on average, how much alcohol did you consume per drinking episode?”. The response options were as follows: non-drinker, less than 1 bottle of beer or 1–2 glass(es) of Soju (Korean distilled spirits), 1 bottle of beer or 3–4 glasses of Soju, 2 bottles of beer or 5–6 glasses of Soju, 3 bottles of beer or 7–8 glasses of Soju, and 4 or more bottles of beer or >9 glasses of Soju. Finally, we inquired about the level of severe intoxication with the question “In the last 1 month, how often did you experience loss of memory or consciousness due to excessive alcohol consumption?”. The response options were as follows: non-drinker, no severe alcohol intoxication, 1–2 day(s) per month, 3–4 days per month, and over 5 days per month.

Covariate Variables

The adolescents’ age was based on the self-reported age at survey completion. The adolescents were asked to self-record their height and weight. Then, body mass index (kg/m²) was calculated from the data recorded by each student. Students reported the frequency of smoking; the answers ranged from never to everyday. Breakfast consumption was based on the number of days per week that a student eats breakfast; the answers ranged from never to everyday. Parental education level was reported as middle school or less or as college or higher education. Economic status was based on self-reported perception of wealth (very rich to very poor). Students also self-reported their perceived mental stress (very high to none). Data on physical activity (PA) was collected in 3 different ways. Responses to questions on the frequency of vigorous PA ranged from never to over 5 days a week of activities such as digging, aerobics, heavy lifting, or fast cycling during the week. Similarly, responses to questions on the frequency of moderate PA ranged from never to over 5 days a week of activities such as cycling at a regular pace, carrying

light loads or playing doubles tennis during the week. Number of days of muscular strength exercises such as sit-ups, push-ups, and weight lifting or weight training, was also recorded as number of days a week the student engaged in that activity.

Statistical Analysis

Results for this study are presented as means and standard deviations. We conducted multivariate logistic regression analyses to determine the association between alcohol consumption and academic achievement while controlling for potential confounding variables such as age, body mass index, smoking, breakfast consumption, parental education level, economic status of the family, mental stress, vigorous PA, moderate PA, and muscular strength exercises. All analyses were performed using SPSS Complex SampleTM version 18.0 (Chicago, IL, USA) and statistical significance was set at $p < 0.05$.

RESULTS

Results of the three different multivariate logistic regression models for assessing academic achievement in relation to frequency of alcohol consumption, amount of alcohol consumed, and number of days per month of severe alcohol intoxication are shown in Tables 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

For boys, achieving average or higher academic performance decreased with increasing number of days per month of alcohol consumption. Boys who consumed alcohol 3–5 day(s) per month had 0.83 lower odds of achieving average or higher academic performance than non-drinkers (odds ratio (OR) 0.83; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.72–0.95; $p = 0.008$). The odds of achieving average or higher academic performance steadily declined with increasing number of days of alcohol consumption from 6–9 days per month (OR 0.64; 95% CI 0.55–0.76; $p < 0.001$) to 10–19 days per month (OR 0.74; 95% CI 0.61–0.91; $p = 0.004$). For girls, the odds for achieving average or higher academic performance according to the number of days per month that alcohol was consumed decreased more consistently from 1–2 day(s) per month (OR 0.74; 95% CI 0.68–0.80; $p < 0.001$) to 20–30 days per month (OR 0.53 95% CI 0.38–0.73; $p < 0.001$), compared to non-drinkers (Table 2).

For boys, the odds for achieving average or higher academic performance according to the amount of alcohol consumed were the lowest with lower consumption, 1 to <2 bottles of beer (OR 0.84; 95% CI 0.73–0.96; $p = 0.014$), and highest with higher consumption, 3 to ≥ 4 bottles of beer (OR 0.82; 95% CI 0.72–0.95; $p = 0.006$), compared to non-drinkers. The odds of achieving average or higher academic performance were the lowest with 18% decreased odds of high academic performance for those who consumed 2–3 bottles of beer. Among girls, the odds for achieving average or higher academic performance was lower for girls who consumed any amount of alcohol, compared to non-drinkers (OR 0.66–0.73, $p \leq 0.026$) (Table 3).

Among boys and girls, the odds for achieving average or higher academic performance were the lowest for those who drank 1–2 days per month, compared to non-drinkers (OR 0.70; 95% CI 0.60–0.82; $p < 0.001$ in boys, OR 0.53; 95% CI 0.44–0.65; $p < 0.001$ in girls) (Table 4).

Table 2. Academic achievement among Korean adolescents in relation to alcohol consumption frequencies (N = 75,643)

Alcohol consumption frequencies		Below average academic achievement vs. average academic achievement or higher					
		n	β	SE	OR	95% CI	p-value
Boys	Non-drinker	29,021	Ref		1.00		
	1–2 day(s) per month	4,607	–0.023	0.043	0.98	0.90–1.06	0.595
	3–5 days per month	1,734	–0.187	0.070	0.83	0.72–0.95	0.008**
	6–9 days per month	1,120	–0.439	0.085	0.64	0.55–0.76	<0.001***
	10–19 days per month	804	–0.298	0.104	0.74	0.61–0.91	0.004**
	20–30 days per month	587	–0.061	0.106	0.94	0.76–1.16	0.566
Girls	Non-drinker	31,028	Ref		1.00		
	1–2 day(s) per month	4,117	–0.306	0.043	0.74	0.68–0.80	<0.001***
	3–5 days per month	1,116	–0.388	0.082	0.68	0.58–0.80	<0.001***
	6–9 days per month	668	–0.565	0.100	0.57	0.47–0.69	<0.001***
	10–19 days per month	532	–0.590	0.116	0.55	0.44–0.70	<0.001***
	20–30 days per month	309	–0.639	0.166	0.53	0.38–0.73	<0.001***

SE – standard error; OR – odd ratio; CI – confidence interval

p<0.01, *p<0.001; tested by multivariable logistic regression analysis after adjusting for covariates such as age, body mass index, frequency of smoking, frequency of breakfast consumption, education level of parents, economic status of the family, mental stress, and frequency of vigorous physical activity, moderate physical activity, and muscular strength exercises

Table 3. Academic achievement in relation to alcohol consumption among Korean adolescents (N = 75,643)

Alcohol consumption		Below average academic achievement vs. average academic achievement or higher					
		n	β	SE	OR	95% CI	p-value
Boys	Non-drinker	29,021	Ref		1.00		
	< 1 bottle of beer	3,182	–0.072	0.048	0.93	0.85–1.02	0.130
	1 ≤ 2 bottles of beer	1,614	–0.175	0.070	0.84	0.73–0.96	0.014*
	2 ≤ 3 bottles of beer	949	–0.202	0.088	0.82	0.69–0.97	0.023*
	3 ≤ 4 bottles of beer	1,981	–0.194	0.071	0.82	0.72–0.95	0.006**
	≥ 4 bottles of beer	1,126	–0.040	0.086	0.96	0.81–1.14	0.642
Girls	Non-drinker	31,028	Ref		1.00		
	< 1 bottle of beer	3,111	–0.372	0.043	0.69	0.63–0.75	<0.001***
	1 ≤ 2 bottles of beer	1,335	–0.356	0.071	0.70	0.61–0.81	<0.001***
	2 ≤ 3 bottles of beer	791	–0.315	0.095	0.73	0.61–0.88	0.001**
	3 ≤ 4 bottles of beer	1,174	–0.411	0.090	0.66	0.56–0.79	<0.001***
	≥ 4 bottles of beer	331	–0.374	0.168	0.69	0.50–0.96	0.026*

SE – standard error; OR – odd ratio; CI – confidence interval

*p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001; tested by multivariable logistic regression analysis after adjusting for covariates such as age, body mass index, frequency of smoking, frequency of breakfast consumption, education level of parents, economic status of the family, mental stress, and frequency of vigorous physical activity, moderate physical activity, and muscular strength exercises

DISCUSSION

Our study sought to examine the relationship between alcohol consumption and academic achievement in Korea adolescents. We found that alcohol consumption had negative association, and increased alcohol consumption decreased academic achievement in adolescents even after controlling covariates.

Previous studies found that alcohol drinkers experienced more difficulties as to the problem solving, flexibility of cognitive, working memory, repetitive responding, self-regulation, and demonstrated prefrontal neuro-behavioural dysfunction (19–21). Furthermore, subjects with alcoholism demonstrated deficits in

explicit memory, visuospatial processes, and motor control (i.e., gait, speed and balance) (22, 23).

Interestingly, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies have confirmed that alcohol drinkers have volume deficits in the cortical region, corpus callosum, cerebellar white matter, and anterior hippocampus (24–27). Alcohol intake can cause structural and functional changes in the brain leading to decreased brain activity and functioning.

In addition, academic achievement is related to brain activity and functioning. Specifically, listening, reading, speaking, and writing during school decrease with a decrease in brain activity and functioning. Our results show that both boys and girls with

Table 4. Academic achievement in relation to frequency of severe alcohol intoxication among Korean adolescents (N = 75,643)

Frequency of severe alcohol intoxication		Below average academic achievement vs. average academic achievement or higher					
		n	β	SE	OR	95% CI	p-value
Boys	Non-drinker	29,021	Ref		1.00		
	No severe alcohol intoxication	7,492	-0.101	0.039	0.90	0.84–0.98	0.009**
	1–2 day(s) per month	1,003	-0.357	0.081	0.70	0.60–0.82	<0.001***
	3–4 days per month	149	-0.192	0.220	0.83	0.54–1.27	0.384
	over 5 days per month	208	0.109	0.192	1.12	0.77–1.63	0.571
Girls	Non-drinker	31,028	Ref		1.00		
	No severe alcohol intoxication	5,689	-0.336	0.039	0.71	0.66–0.77	<0.001***
	1–2 day(s) per month	840	-0.631	0.099	0.53	0.44–0.65	<0.001***
	3–4 days per month	100	-0.554	0.287	0.58	0.33–1.01	0.054
	over 5 days per month	113	-0.617	0.315	0.54	0.29–1.00	0.051

SE – standard error; OR – odd ratio; CI – confidence interval

p<0.01, *p<0.001; tested by multivariable logistic regression analysis after adjusting for covariates such as age, body mass index, frequency of smoking, frequency of breakfast consumption, education level of parents, economic status of the family, mental stress, and frequency of vigorous physical activity, moderate physical activity, and muscular strength exercises

high levels of alcohol consumption are more likely to have below average academic achievement in Korea.

In both boys and girls who consume alcohol, academic achievement is inversely associated with alcohol consumption; the more the alcohol consumed the lower the level of academic achievement. Interestingly, when alcohol consumption increased, girls showed a stronger inverse association with academic achievement than boys (Table 2–4). Based on this result, we assume that alcohol consumption affects girls more significantly than boys. This may be because boys are physiologically more developed than girls (28). However, additional studies should be conducted to determine the effects of alcohol consumption by gender.

There are several limitations in this study. First, the students reported the parental education level and economic status of their families, which may be inaccurate. Second, adolescents self-reported their height and weight and these variables were not directly measured. Therefore, the body mass index of subjects might be lower, because adolescents tend to increase in height and decrease in weight (29). Third, KYRBWS-VII is a cross-sectional study. Therefore, we cannot make any causal inference. We can only discuss the interrelationship between academic achievement and alcohol consumption. However, the fact that we investigated all of South Korea and had a large sample size is a strength of this study. Therefore, we assume that the results could represent the true relationship between alcohol consumption and academic achievement in Korean adolescents.

CONCLUSION

In Korea, both boys and girls who increase their alcohol consumption were found to have lower than average academic achievement. To improve academic achievement, we recommend interventions that may reduce alcohol consumption among adolescents in Korea.

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Conflict of Interests

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