

**Table 2 Themes and subthemes related to alcohol consumption during the COVID-19 pandemic, Islamic Republic of Iran, March–June 2020**

Themes	Class	Basic codes
Coping motives	Achieve a positive mood	Relaxation; Have fun drinking alcohol; Reduce the stress of home quarantine; Reduce the fear of catching COVID-19
	Alleviate negative emotions	Suicide attempt; Attempting self-harm
Coping skills	Exposure to misinformation	Extensive exposure to misinformation on social media and the internet; Easy access to alcohol as a disinfectant
	Lack of knowledge	Consumer ignorance; Poor health ministry warning about alcohol hazards; Alcohol consumption being taboo in the Islamic Republic of Iran
	Active coping strategies	Protection from COVID-19; Self-medication; Scarcity of disinfectants

COVID-19= coronavirus disease 2019.