

Table 4 Peer opinions and behaviours and their association with problem alcohol drinking among university students in Lebanon

Characteristic	AUDIT score < 8 (n = 1036)		AUDIT score ≥ 8 (n = 199)		P -value	OR (95% CI)
	No.	%	No.	%		
Friends generally agree with alcohol consumption					< 0.001	
Yes, they do	569	78.7	154	21.3		6.22 (2.60–15.9)
They do not care	277	87.9	38	12.1		3.16 (1.24–8.52)
They disagree	138	95.8	6	4.2		Ref.
Frequency of consumption with friends					< 0.001	
Almost every time	68	41.5	96	58.5		80.1 (27.1–266)
Almost half of the times	112	70.4	47	29.6		23.8 (7.96–79.9)
Less than half of the times	91	91.0	9	9.0		5.61 (1.53–22.3)
Occasionally	476	91.7	43	8.3		5.13 (1.74–17.0)
Never	227	98.3	4	1.7		Ref.
Proportion of friends who drink regularly					< 0.001	
Almost all	134	60.1	89	39.9		17.3 (7.79–39.8)
More than half of them	162	74.7	55	25.3		8.83 (3.92–20.7)
Less than half of them	155	89.6	18	10.4		3.02 (1.20–7.79)
A few of them only	317	93.0	24	7.0		1.97 (0.82–4.86)
None of them	208	96.3	8	3.7		Ref.
Place of first consumption of alcohol					< 0.001	
At home	319	79.8	81	20.3		1.36 (0.92–2.02)
At a relative's house	71	74.7	24	25.3		1.81 (1.01–3.23)
At a friend's house	59	62.1	36	37.9		3.27 (1.92–5.59)
At school	4	80.0	1	20.0		1.34 (0.68–1.64)
In a public place	295	84.3	55	15.7		Ref.

Ref. = reference category; OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval.