APPENDIX

Overfitting
To avoid possible overfitting concerns in our analyses, we performed a backwards stepwise model selection procedure omitting sequentially variables (not alcohol intake) with p>0.05 until all variables had p>0.05. We ended up with a model that besides alcohol included the variables age, ADSC-ADL and CCI.
The results we found mimics the original results. Therefore do not consider overfitting a problem for our conclusion.

Kaplan-Meier
The applicability of the Cox model was confirmed by a graphical check of the Proportional hazard assumption.