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- 1. Assessment Report Number:** A576
- 2. Assessment Report Title:** Labelling of Alcoholic Beverages with a Pregnancy Health Advisory Label
- 3. Organisation Name:** private
- 4. Organisation Type:** Individual
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- 12. Submission Text:** The arguments already raised in the ALAC submission are well documented and I am not in a position to add any other scientific data that is relevant. To me , the matter is reasonably simple. Drugs of any kind are contra-indicated in pregnancy due to the potential and often unquantifiable risk of foetal damage. Ethyl alcohol is a drug although not always regarded as such.It is already known to cause foetal damage. The public should be safeguarded against their own lack of understanding regarding this risk, by ensuring that labels, probably similar to the French ones, are placed on all alcoholic drinks. The move should be supplemented by an education programme. Further evidence is likely to confirm and extend knowledge of the harmful effects of alcohol prior to and during prgnancy and there is therefore some urgency to move now on this matter . I therefore spport the introduction of warnings regarding alcohol use during an dprior to pregnancy on all containers of alcohol for ingestion.