**Reviewer’s report**

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General comments:
This is a secondary data analysis of the national health and economic data. It addresses an important issue of cost effectiveness of various public health measures for prevention of cardiovascular diseases in a middle income country. The analyses performed are succinct and clinically relevant. However, there are certain shortcomings that have to be addressed before the article is accepted.

Major/minor essential revisions:
1. The introduction statement should be a one-liner giving the objective.
2. The results section should provide data.
3. The conclusion statement should focus on the interventions that help (tobacco and BP control) and should not be a general statement as drug-supported interventions to reduce cholesterol and tobacco are not helpful.
4. Please shorten the introduction section, especially the first paragraph that is essentially a repetition of known facts.
5. Please provide the details of the statistical methods used.
6. Please reduce the statement on importance of risk factors.
7. This should be a one paragraph statement highlighting the positive and negative findings. Public health implications of this paper finding should be stressed.

Discretionary revisions:
8. The number of references is large, please reduce.
9. Tables are too complex. Please describe salient findings in the results section.
10. The second figure is not relevant.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'