Reviewer’s report

Title: Socio-demographic and behavioural characteristics of illegal motorcycle street racers in Malaysia

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I only have minor essential revisions.

Although the author has removed the term "predict" from descriptions of the associations with racing, the term is still present in the abstract. I would suggest saying "were associated" with racing frequency.

The first sentence of the paper says that street racing has "devastating" social and economic impact. Unless this can be supported with a newspaper or other report, I would suggest that this is a bit of an overstatement. Describing the impact as "significant" will get the point across.

It also says in the first paragraph that there has been a "recent increase in motorcycle street racing". Again, unless this can be supported by either a newspaper or other report, I would be inclined to remove this.

On page 10, top paragraph, it says that "Health risk behavior scores were significantly higher in married participants....and strict parents (p < .001)." Is this correct? Sounds wrong.

In Table 1, what is "bumiputra" in relation to Malay?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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