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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for reviewing the manuscript above. We have addressed all the concerns raised by the reviewers and have revised the manuscript accordingly.

Attached with this letter are the point-by-point responses to all the concerns raised by the reviewers. Please review the revised manuscript, and should there be any queries, please don’t hesitate to direct it to me. I hope that this manuscript will be accepted for publication in your esteemed journal.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards

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Response to reviewer’s comments

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Reviewer: Hai-Yen Sung

Minor essential revisions

1. To add sentence ‘Smokers included those who smoke cigarettes, kretek and leaf tobacco’ in the Methods and footnotes of Table 1-2
   - Done, have added in Methods and footnotes of Table 1-2

Major compulsory revision

1. The word ‘current smokers’ should be changed to ‘ever smokers’ in 1st sentence of paragraph 7
   - Done, have changed at 1st sentence of paragraph 7

2. Smoking prevalence in Table 1 and Results should refer to ‘prevalence of ever smokers’ instead of ‘prevalence of current smokers’
   - Done, have added ‘ever’ before ‘smoking’ in Table 1 and Results
   - Have changed ‘smoking’ to ‘ever smoking’ in various parts of Results

3. Add sentence ‘Ever smokers are those who are either current smokers or ex smokers’ at bottom of 2nd paragraph page 6
   - Done, have added at bottom of 2nd paragraph page 6

4. In Table 1 change the column heading ‘No of smokers’ to ‘No of ever smokers’
   - Done, have changed in Table 1

5. In Table 2, add ‘ever’ before ‘smokers’ in the title and column headings
   - Done, have added in Table 2