Reviewer's report

Title: Factors affecting commencement and cessation of smoking behaviour in Malaysian adults

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1) The authors concluded that those who quit smoking were more likely to be regular alcohol consumers. However, it can be seen there is only significant in frequency of drinking/week in male.

2) Addiction to smoking is a kind of chronic disease. It would be more informative if the authors discuss a role of health related personnel for future smoking cessation programs and policies where the smoking and betel quid chewing are prevalent.

Minor Essential Revisions
1) In the Table 1, please check the number of ‘Duration (year)’ of chewing for females; total number of subjects and number of smokers. Better to check other variables too.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.