Reviewer's report

Title: Household Secondhand Smoke Exposure of Elementary Schoolchildren in Southern Taiwan and their Confidence in Avoiding Exposure: a Cross-sectional Study

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1. No Major Compulsory Revisions
2. Numerous minor revisions that need to be done
   e.g. 
   Abstract
   Results and Discussion
   “Compared to females, male had...” to read: “Compared to females, males had.”
   Background
   First sentence remove “the” before health
   “These amendments, written in so as to keep the younger generation in good health, include an extension...” Amend sentence
   “The home is major settings..” Amend sentence
   Results
   Study participants
   Before implementation of the new Act, ...... to have a 67%-69% of smoking rate(Delete ‘of’ after the percentages.

   After the new act was implemented, it was found that families whom have schoolchildren had a 64%-66% of smoking rate and 52%” revise

   Children’s confidence...
   “multiple regression analysis was then performed children’s confidence level” Revise.
   “These variables explained 10.6 % and 11.0 % of the total variance in the confidence level in regard the avoidance” Revise

   Discussion
   High household SHS exposure
   “Since the smoking prevalence ........, the higher smoking prevalence among men must makes” Revise
“The new 2009 act has not been enforceable in individual living environments, and this has lead to the remaining...” Revise.

Contributing factors associated with household SHS avoidance behavior
“The present study explored factors that are predicted to be significant with respect to a children’s avoidance of SHS” Revise
“Our study found that if the male students have been smoking, the confidence lever of their...” Revise

Add subhead: Study Limitations

Conclusions
“......even after new act...” to read “even after the new Act”.
“The family was observed to be the greatest impact and those that the children spend with most of their time” Revise
“The intervention program should enhance schoolchildren do actively avoid exposure.....” Revise

Authors’ contribution
Revises grammar in this section

3. Discretionary Revisions: Authors may wish to include questionnaire as an appendix to avoid writing the questions in the methodology section.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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