Reviewer's report

Title: Alcohol, betel-nut and cigarette consumption are negatively associated with health promoting behaviors in Taiwan: A cross-sectional study

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Major compulsory revisions:
Page 6: rephrase the following statement: The purpose of this article has been to outline the first phase of the study and decide whether ABC is associated with poor health promotion and the high prevalence of oral cancer. This is confusing—the relationship between ABC ingestion and oral cancer is clear. ABC ingestion is a form of poor health promotion. It is not clear what you are trying to get to with this statement.
Page 7: Our findings reveal a behavioral paradox among ABC users. What is the behavioral paradox? Need to describe. This was identified in the previous review but not addressed.
Page 11: Does the following mean that the ages were, in order, for alcohol, betel nut and cigarettes?
The beginning mean (median, range) age of using ABC was 23 (20, 12-71), 24 (21, 13-65), and 21 years of age (21, 10-71), respectively.
Page 13: What was higher? Is this a gender comparison? In addition, when considering the gender difference, males that regularly consumed ABC were 53.2, 32.7 and 50.2%, respectively.

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