Reviewer’s report

Title: Modeling Predictors of Drug Use among Male Street Laborers in Urban Vietnam

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In general, this revised manuscript addressed my primary concerns with the original submission. The reorganization of sections and clarification of study aims was helpful.

Of minor concern however, the omission of the description of measures used is problematic. This section was long in the original, so cutting it back makes sense, but it is almost removed entirely in this version. Knowing how the scales were used in creating latent variables is also an important piece of information.

The manuscript could use some editing as well--there are some confusing sentences where the wording is awkward and the meaning is lost or unclear.

In relation to this, in the findings, the manuscript reports that for the modified IMB model "two other criteria of fit were not met," and for the original IMB model "the model was not fit." My interpretation of the findings suggest that all indicies of fit were satisfied aside from the chi-square for the original IMB model. I think these findings were easier to follow in the original manuscript.

Thus, while I think this revision is an overall improvement, I think some key pieces of information may have been lost.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.