Reviewer's report

Title: Application of the COOP/WONCA charts for aged patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in comparison between Japanese and Chinese populations

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The purpose of this study is unclear. You should add it in your abstract. (Background)
   I think you have two purposes.
   For example
   1) To verify the reliability and validity of the Japanese version of the COOP/WONCA charts.
   2) To examine the qualitative differences of health status between Japanese and Chinese patients with COPD aged 50-79 years compared with those of healthy subjects.

2. You should explain why you chose six cities.
   Beijing and Shanghai are big cities. It is suitable for these cities to be representatives of China.
   On the contrary, you chose Ulanhot (inner Mongolia) as one of the representatives of China.
   (Ulanhot is not a big city compared with Beijing and Shanghai.)
   Three cities in Japan are not big cities and may not be appropriate as a representative sample in Japan.
   It might be difficult to compare three cities in China with three cities in Japan which are not big cities.

3. What kind of countermeasures are necessary to prevent people from suffering from COPD?
   You should explain them to some extent.

Minor Essential Revisions
Spelling mistakes:
See Major Compulsory Revisions 1. 2)

Discretionary Revisions
None

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.