Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiology of smoking among Malaysian male adults: Prevalence and associated factors

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The authors assessed the prevalence of smoking as well as several socio-demographic factors associated with tobacco use among male adults in Malaysia. Data from the Third National Health and Morbidity Survey were used for this analysis. The authors found that the prevalence of smoking in this population had slightly decreased in the last decade. The socio-demographic factors analyzed showed a considerable size effect. The presented results are interesting.

In a revision of the paper the authors should address the following points:

Major Compulsory Revisions:
1.- Is the sample used representative? In Table 1 please add a column with the proportion of each characteristic: in the sample and in the general population of Malasya.

Minor Essential Revisions
1.- Abstract: Confidence Interval for primary school OR is different than in table 3. Revise that all parenthesis opened are later closed, and also there are some extra parenthesis.
2.- Introduction: 1st paragraph: Add a reference after from 4.8 million in 2006 to 8.3 million in 2030. After reference 7 add a point. At the end of the paragraph add a point.
3.- Methodology: Last paragraph: add the response rate (15,369/(2150+17,251). A total of 15,369 male respondents (response rate=x%)....
4.- Results: 3rd paragraph: aOR for education level are different than in table 3, the same happened with the CI for household income.
5.- Results: 3rd paragraph: it is mention that the reference category in occupation is the professional group, however, if we see table 3 the reference category are
senior officer, Please check.

6.- Discussion: 1st paragraph: anti tabacco instead of nti tabacco.
3rd paragraph: remove the point after (p<0.001) and add it after ref 9. Add spaces after the last word and the references. Remove one closing parenthesis after reference 25. Remove one coma after reference 26. Add a point after reference 27.
6th paragraph: add a point after reference 36-37.
8th paragraph: Add a space before reference 34 and point after that reference. In the same paragraph regarding findings of Yu el al... was not related to smoking status, it should say marital status
9th paragraph: remove one point after reference 9.
10th paragraph: add a coma after reference 34, add a point and coma after Lim et al.
11th paragraph: change the point after reference 35 by a coma
7.- References: According to the journal guidelines title of each article should be bold letter.

Discretionary Revisions:
1.- Abstract and Methodology: I think it is better to use proportional instead of proportionate.

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