Reviewer’s report

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

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This is a good, descriptive analysis of smoking prevalence in Malaysia, and the data are worthwhile publishing in the scientific literature.

The most recent year of data analyzed is 2006 which lessens the current significance, but the data are of interest nonetheless. Dates of tobacco control policies would be helpful to list when policies are noted.

An article of this nature should ideally have more information about the tobacco industry activities in the country, including foreign and domestic companies. Advertising and marketing data in general and targeting of particular populations would be of interest. The high rates of initiation among youth deserve highlighted emphasis.

Also, data pertaining to the tobacco market, including consumption of the range of products would be of interest.

Some typographical or grammatical errors remain.

Some of these follow:
Page 6: "Data are" (not "was")
Page 12: "compared" not compare
"This indicates" (requires an "s")
"impact" should be 'effect" (stylistic)

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 have no competing interests.