Reviewer’s report

Title: Tobacco smoking in Mongolia: findings of a national Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices study

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This is a very interesting paper that addresses an important public health problem of high smoking rates among men in Mongolia. The paper reads well and adds to what is known about what and how much smokers know about the effects of smoking on their health.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS:
Page 3 - define STEP and KAP
Page 5 - define LMIC
Page 9 - give a brief explanation of STEPS for readers unfamiliar with this acronym and survey
Page 12 - the section on quality control for the translation of the questionnaire is too vague. Provide details about how you performed each of these process, such as with how many people involved, what was reviewed, how the questionnaire was piloted, etc.
Page 15 - were any of the analyses adjusted for demographic differences between the participants or for any other variables such as education?
Page 22 - in paragraph 2 there is mention of the prevalence of smoking in young girls (4%) and boys (28%). Where do these data come from? The only sex-specific prevalence data are for the entire sample in Table 2. I recommend expanding Table 2 to show prevalence by gender for each of the variables. This will help people understand the results in a broader context. Then, modify the discussion as needed.