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Dr. Natalie Pafitis
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Dear Dr. Pafitis:

On behalf of my co-authors, I am resubmitting a revised manuscript for publication in *BMC Public Health* entitled, “Culture, Acculturation and Smoking in Hmong, Khmer, Laotians, and Vietnamese Communities in Minnesota.” This version of the manuscript includes the revision to the minor concern by Reviewer 1, which we inadvertently omitted from our last submission.

Another very minor question that might be addressed is why the authors surmise the rates of smoking to be considerably lower among Cambodians and Laotians in MN related to the native regions. Might there be acculturative protective factors for these groups?

We speculated about this in the revised manuscript on p. 3. “One might speculate that these lower rates of smoking among Cambodian and Lao smokers in Minnesota, relative to rates in Cambodia and the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, could be due to more negative social norms regarding smoking and attitudes toward smokers in Minnesota. It is unclear why the same pattern was not found for Vietnamese men, although it could be the case that the population reached in the Minnesota study was different than the population studied in Vietnam.”[4] To date, there is scant research on the contributors to smoking in these communities and on effective ways to reduce and prevent smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.”

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Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit our revised manuscript to *BMC Public Health*.

Sincerely,

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