Reviewer’s report

Title: Culture, Acculturation and Tobacco Use in Hmong, Khmer, Laotians, and Vietnamese Communities in Minnesota

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The authors are to be commended for making significant changes that improve the clarity and credibility of the research conducted.

MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS

For the most part, my concerns have been addressed. I still have one issue (raised earlier), which revolves around the title of the manuscript, the methods employed, and the results presented. The authors replied that this study assessed all forms of tobacco use, not just smoking. However, the findings indicate that the focus of the analysis was on cigarette smoking. This is illustrated by Table 1, where only smoking status is reported. Similarly, the qualitative data focuses almost exclusively on smoking-related attitudes and patterns. Unless there was a complete lack of discussion by community members about non-cigarette tobacco products (something I find highly doubtful), I feel strongly that the title and relevant sections should accurately reflect the focal point of this manuscript, which is cigarette smoking, not all forms of tobacco.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

The authors do a good job of highlighting where their study design deviates from CBPR principles. However, the areas where they do diverge (namely problem definition and study design) are cornerstones of a "true" CBPR approach. To this end, I strongly recommend "softening" the language suggestive of this being a CBPR design with minor changes and rather indicating that the study utilized principles from CBPR.

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?

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