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The 2nd Review

This reviewer is pleased to see the overall improvement of the revised manuscript and have only several minor concerns.

Page 3: the discrepancy between the subject and verb in the 7th line of the third paragraph on this page “Tobacco use spread in Southeast Asia…."

Page 5:
1. Please spell out BCBSM in its first appearance.

2. Please consolidate the first and second paragraphs and state succinctly how the decision was made to recruit a certain number of men and women per for ethnic subgroup. As per the authors, using a stratified purposeful sample frame, they decided a priori the sample to include 8 males and 7 females for each group. Then in the second paragraph, the authors stated that the DREGAN Southeast Asian Community Advisory Committee ALSO (emphasized here) identified formal and informal community leaders and the sample size was based on their formal and informal referrals.

3. The first sentence of the third paragraph: It is not clear why the accuracy of transcripts was not cross-checked by a second person before English translation took place. There is still no description about what procedures were undertaken to resolve discrepancies in coding. Please also provide examples if there were any differences between inside and outside coders.

4. Some of the codes provided as an example do not reflect results. For example, there were no specific findings pertaining to the codes “level of English language proficiency” and “role in the community.”

Page 7: In the third line, it was stated “we identified topics for which there…."

How many topics were identified? Examples of these topics should be provided.

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.