Title: Patterns of active and passive smoking, and associated factors in the southeast Anatolian project (SEAP) region, in Turkey

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached a revised paper named “Patterns Of Active and Passive Smoking And Associated Factors in South-east Anatolian Project (SEAP) Region, Turkey”.

We revised each comment and provided answers as follows.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our work. Yours truly,

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Answer: We made necessary addition.

2) Furthermore, please could you state how you obtained informed consent, could you also mention if obtained consent from a parent or guardian for minors.

Interviewers and a public health specialist went to the selected houses and interviewed each member of the household. Verbal consents from volunteers were obtained after providing necessary information and making explanations about the study. During face-to-face interviews, in order to increase participation, gender matches between the participants and the interviewers were made.

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