Reviewer's report

Title: Smoking Behaviors among Chinese farmers

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Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
Yes. This is a simple prevalence study.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
The methods are appropriate.

3. Are the data sound?
The data appears sound.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
Yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The title states that it is a survey of farmers, but only a minority of the respondents were farmers.

9. Is the writing acceptable?

10. The manuscript is generally well written but has a few grammatical errors.
Minor mandatory corrections.

11. Results. 42% of respondents were engaged in farm jobs. The title indicates that this is a survey of farmers, but most of the respondents were not farmers. Would 'rural' be a more appropriate description of the study population?
12. Under the title of smoking behavior is it 66.8% daily smokers with an additional 20.5% occasional smokers? Or does the 66.8% include the occasional smokers?

13. It isn’t clear what their definition of smoking means, maybe self-defined smoking status.

14. Table 2. says Chinese farmers but the data in the table include subjects who were not farmers.

15. Background 2 millions should say 2 million. 8.4 millions should be 8.4 million.

16. the person whose birthday was closest to the contact date was selected.

17. Please indicate the age for students in "junior school"

18. which was consistent with some reports [8,9], but in contrast to some research in which there was no difference according to marital status.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests: No competing interests