Reviewer’s report

Title: Investigating socio-economic-demographic determinants of tobacco use in Rawalpindi, Pakistan

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Reviewer: Phillippa Howden-Chapman

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General
The authors have addressed most of the issues raised, although the striking gender differences are still only described rather than analysed. If the smoking epidemic in women is not to follow the male pattern, a more in-depth analysis of this phenomenon would have been very useful and timely.

I am also still unclear which population groups use which kinds of tobacco products and whether there are class or ethnic preferences.

Ideally the paper would be edited for style, but the content is very interesting and timely.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

I am not in a position to edit the whole paper, so have given some examples from the abstract here:
1. p. 1 population based) WITH 2018 respondent
2. Pakistan) AND INCLUDED
3. AND being male as well as
4. There was A positive association
5. could be a proxy FOR
6. as public health practitioners, we should inform THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPEC-
IALLY THE ILLITERATE, ABOUT THE ADVERSE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF TOBACCO.
What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.