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Title: An investigation of the smoking behaviors of parents before and after the birth of their first and subsequent children

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Dear Dr. Good,

We would like to thank you for giving us an opportunity to revise our research article entitled “An investigation of the smoking behaviours of parents before and after the birth of their first and subsequent children” (MS: 6380226851564452). Below, I would like to reply point by point to your question and request.

First, we have revised and restructured our abstract to make it easier to read.

Second, we added more detailed information regarding data we used in the method section. About why we chose this data source, we added the following illustration: “This is the only Taiwanese survey that can provide detailed information with respect to parental smoking behaviours over the childbearing period. Although this survey was implemented seven years ago and could provide data only for the 1990s and not for very recent years, findings from analysing the data are still valuable and constructive for policy making, as the female smoking rate in Taiwan has been quite stable over the past twenty years, and the male smoking prevalence is still high while having a declining trend.”

Third, we apologize for sending a wrong cover letter previously. We have corrected our cover letter.

Finally, we slightly changed the title of the paper, and it is now “An investigation of the smoking behaviours of parents before, during and after the birth of their children in Taiwan.” We also took the chance to revise some parts in our paper in order to make our points more clear. We really appreciate that you gave us the chance to do so. We hope that you find this version much improved and ready for peer review.

Thank you again for your attention, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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