Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and determinants of tobacco use amongst junior collegiates in twin cities of western Nepal: A cross-sectional, questionnaire-based survey

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I have read this re-submitted manuscript and the accompanying letter. In the light of my initial review I believe that the authors have met the points I raised, where possible. The issue of the multi-level modelling of the data remains. However, as the authors do not have access to an appropriate statistical package to do this analysis, I think it would be churlish to reject it for that reason. The data are important for Nepal and should be reported.

The authors have clarified their socioeconomic index based upon household assets.

I still found a few instances of misspellings. These should be corrected by the authors or at the journal’s editorial stage if possible.

One small point is that based on the figures provided in Table 1, it seems that 91 students used both cigarettes and chewing tobacco, 13 were chewing only, and 59 smoking only. I think these figures are right. If so, the % currently using any product is more like 10.2%, not the 9.5% given in the abstract and text in the Results section. This would be worth checking.

In Table 1, the last line of the Table should read “Currently using both forms of product” not “any”.

Otherwise, it looks fine.