Reviewer's report

**Title:** The cost of tobacco farming for cultivators in Vietnam: health risks, health inequalities and questionable economic gain

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**Reviewer:** nighat nisar

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major compulsory revision:

1. **Is the question posed by the authors well defined?**
   The question posed by the author is not well defined and did not address the subject taken for research that health effects on tobacco cultivators. The cost and inequalities were not addressed.

2. **Are the methods appropriate and well described?**
   The methodology is not appropriate. Sample size is not calculated and sampling technique is not justified and not correct why 3 villages and 120 household no justification is given.

3. **Are the data sound?**
   Data is not properly handled

4. **Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?**
   No

5. **Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?**
   No

6. **Are limitations of the work clearly stated?**
   No

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 **Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?**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?**
   No

9. **Is the writing acceptable?**
   No there are many grammatical errors and language needs improvement. The title, objectives, introduction, discussion and conclusion do not support each other. The objective cost, revenue, economic gains were not met in the article.
This article needs through revision to my opinion. The references were incomplete and not properly cited.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

no to all of the above