Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of risk factors for non-communicable diseases in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam: results from a STEPS survey

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This paper investigated various cardiovascular risk factors in a rural area in South Vietnam based on a justification that there has been relatively little information available.

The investigators well followed WHO’s STEPS. There is not any serious flaw detected in the report.

My main concern in the limited knowledge generated from the survey. Although this is the 'new' information for Vietnamese, the study is confined to just one province of one country. The analysis is somewhat routine and comparisons are made only with a few Vietnamese studies.

Unless the authors could overcome the above limitation and could make the paper more interesting to international readers, I do not find a good justification to have the current journal.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare no conflict of interest.