Reviewer's report

Title: The Reasons for Betel-quid Chewing Scale: Assessment of factor structure, reliability, and validity

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Minor Revisions

1. The study sample is small. A convenient sample was selected. The effect of these biases should be discussed.

2. A previous study discussed issues of dependency to areca nut. in Addict Biol. 2000 Apr 1;5(2):173-9. This should be discussed in your paper in terms of instruments used to measure dependency.

A dependency syndrome related to areca nut use: some medical and psychological aspects among areca nut users in the Gujarat community in the UK. Winstock AR, Trivedy CR, Warnakulasuriya KA, Peters TJ.

3. Close to two-thirds added tobacco the quid. How does this affect the results? Are your subjects able to report their feelings specifically to AN without any confounding by the tobacco effect? Please discuss.

4. Would Fagerstrom's scale be suitable to measure addiction to areca nut. If this is used its easier to compare addiction to AN against tobacco. Please enlarge on this.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'