Reviewer's report

Title: Factors affecting knowledge and perception of women about smoking: a cross sectional study from a developing country

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The authors state that the study was based on a questionnaire administered to women attending clinics in three 'slums' of Karachi. Are the slums typical of Karachi? In other words, do most Urban dwellers in Karachi live in the slums? If not, it should be noted in the limitations section that the results of the study are not fully generalizable to the Urban dwellers in Karachi or Pakistan but are more specific to women living in such situations.

2. Although the author's present the questions to assess knowledge and perceptions of smoking, we are not told how each question is scored. I'm assuming each question is based on a 'yes/no' response choice because a chi-square analysis was used to assess the responses based on different socio-demographic variables. Could the authors clarify if the response choices for the assessment of knowledge and perceptions of smoking was on a categorical (i.e., yes vs no) or some sort of likert scale?

Minor essential revisions
1. There are several grammatical errors throughout the article. I would encourage the authors to endeavor to have these corrected.

Discretionary revisions
1. Tables 2 and 3 would be clearer if you listed the actual sections in a note below the tables. This will help the reader not to have to refer back to the text of the manuscript while looking through the tables.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests