Reviewer's report

Title: Correlates of current smoking among school-going adolescents in Punjab, India: results from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2003

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The authors have now satisfied me that the weighting procedure that they use is appropriate and applied correctly. However I think that my own concerns, along with those of previous referees were arisen by the fact that the methods section did not clearly state exactly what the weighting procedure was hoping to achieve (i.e. it did not discriminate between trying to account for the survey/sampling procedure, versus trying to convert the sample into a "pseudo" population by inflating the sample size). I would therefore like the authors to include one or two extra sentences in the methods section explaining this. All that is required is a statement along the lines of

...weights are applied to effectively resize the sample so that it is representative of the population from which it is sampled form....

I would also suggest that this weighting be clearly noted in the main table so that readers understand why the confidence interval is so small.

A further minor point is that in the manuscript that I reviewed it still states that SPSS 11.5 is used for analysis.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 that I have no competing interests