Reviewer’s report

Title: National and Subnational mortality effects of metabolic risk factors and smoking in Iran: comparative risk assessment

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Please revise the whole of Discussion. The present content of this section is not adequate for publication.

2. The order of paragraphs in Discussion is not appropriate. Particularly, it is obvious that the last paragraph is not in the right place. Please have a paragraph for concluding the paper nicely, mentioning what to be done in future research in terms of not only measurement methods but the literature on risk factor and disease control in Iran and other countries.

3. Please expand discussions on implications of your findings for public health policy. Currently you just briefly mention each risk factor by one or two sentences in the 4th paragraph of Discussion, which is not sufficient.

Minor Essential Revisions

4. Please correct minor errors in English language.

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

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.