Reviewer's report

Title: Lifestyle, chronic diseases and self-rated health among Malaysian adults: The National Health and Morbidity Survey (NHMS), 2011

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

Critical - Authors need to explain the rationale behind the classification of self-rated health. Why they included those participants who answered “moderate” in the poor SRH category? Please see article by Subramanian et al., 2010. If poor SRH category include only those who answered “not good” or “very bad” the prevalence of poor SRH will be 1.9% instead of 20.1% and probably no significant findings with lifestyle and chronic disease will be find among the Malaysian population.


- Minor Essential Revisions

Methods

Study design and data collection

Paragraph (2) - How was the missing data for socio-demographic profile, lifestyle and self-reported medically-diagnosed chronic diseases handled?

Discussion

Paragraph (7) - The following statements need references. “A possible explanation is that diabetes mellitus may be perceived as a less serious disease compared to other chronic conditions. Diabetic individuals can usually live a totally normal life if they received proper medical care and their blood glucose levels were under control.”

- Minor issues not for publication

References

Add period at the end of references (7, 46, and 54).

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