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Title: The influence of societal individualism on a century of tobacco use: modelling the prevalence of smoking

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached an updated revision of the manuscript entitled “The influence of societal individualism on a century of tobacco use: modelling the prevalence of smoking,” to be considered for publication as a Research Article in *BMC Public Health*.

We have addressed the issues outlined in the correspondence dated March 23, 2015 (attached) as follows.

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   - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
   - Hofstede’s Individualism Index (IDV)
6. Authors’ Contribution section has been properly formatted. We have added the sentence:
   - “All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”

Sincerely,

*John C. Lang* (corresponding author),

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Dear Mr. Lang,

Thank you for your recent submission to BMC Public Health. Before we can proceed with peer review we will need you to make some changes to your manuscript. We would be very grateful if you could make these changes promptly, as we cannot start the peer review process until we have received a version containing these changes.

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