Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and Associated Risk Factors of Chronic Bronchitis in First Nations People

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The manuscript clearly details the interviewer-administered survey conducted as part of the First Nations Lung Health Project in 2012 and 2013 in Saskatchewan, Canada to collect information on individual and contextual determinants of health and a history of ever diagnosed chronic bronchitis from the 2 communities participating.

The reported findings largely confirm those known (from the prior reporting among First Nations and others). This study is additive to known data. Given constraints of the study, namely

1) local people hired to conduct the interviews
2) only 6% of individuals were smoke free
3) low percentage with CB
4) recall bias

it is hard to draw strong conclusions although the manuscript does address these limitations and does not overly state its conclusions.

This does limit the findings as well as the generalizability.

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