Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence, distribution and social determinants of tobacco use in 29 Sub-Saharan African Countries

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Reviewer: Dhirendra Narain Sinha

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Dear Editor,

My comments are as follows

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? Yes. Some country data is already in public domain but that does not affect the country group presentation

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? Yes

3. Are the data sound and well controlled? Yes but they should present prevalence by five year age group such as 15-19, 20-24 and so on and so forth, than the content of the article will be referenced at more as that data is used for standardized calculations

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? In discussion they should include more literature search and comparison and validation with similar data and data from other different sources

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes

7. Is the writing acceptable? Yes with the revisions suggested

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest