Reviewer’s report

Title: The role of cities in reducing the cardiovascular impacts of environmental pollution in low and middle-income countries

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Baumgartner et al. provide an excellent and succinct overview of the role of cities in reducing environmental pollution and cardiovascular effects in LMICs. The manuscript is easy to read. The authors provide an overview of the available epidemiologic evidence of CVD risk associated with various environmental pollutants, with a focus on studies from LMICS. The authors also provide examples of steps that could curb the emissions and decreased CVD effects of pollution in LMICs. Few suggestions to improve the manuscript.

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