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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Dear Editor,

This is a well written editorial/review article on the impact of environmental pollution in cities from low/middle income countries on cardiovascular health and potential ways of reducing this impact. There are several issues that if addressed would help further improve the manuscript.

1. For air pollution, only PM 2.5 was discussed. Other air pollutants including PM 10, ozone, SO2, NO, etc have been shown to have some impact on cardiovascular health and should be discussed.

2. The primary focus as per the title seems to be the potential of cities in reducing the impact of environmental pollution on cardiovascular health. However, a large proportion of the manuscript is focused on the impact of environmental pollution on CV health. The section on the potential mitigating measures should be further expounded.

3. A table summarizing the various studies showing the impact of environmental pollution on CV health would help better summarise the data and aid the reader.

4. A table or figure summarizing the potential measures/solutions and their efficacy in targeting environmental pollution and so improving CV health will be very helpful.

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