

Peer Review File

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Review Comments

Comment 1: Well-written overview of lung cancer as it relates to sex/gender differences.

Reply 1: We would like to thank the Reviewer for his/her positive view and for giving us the opportunity to revise the manuscript. We hope that, after the revision, the manuscript is considered as suitable for publication.

Comment 2: Recommend not the use the word “smoker” as it is a negative stigmatizing term. Revising using “individuals who smoke, women who smoke, men who smoke (or formerly smoked cigarettes) etc.” This should be revised in your manuscript. Please see the IASLC Language Guide recently published: <https://www.iaslc.org/IASLCLanguageGuide>

Reply 2: We thank the Reviewer for this recommendation. We have consequently modified the text.

Changes in the text: We changed the word “smoker” with “woman/man who smoke”, the word “never smoker” with “woman/men who doesn’t smoke” and the word “former smoker” with “people with smoking history” throughout the text. Moreover we changed the sentence “some women are self-restrained smokers” in “some women are able to self-control their tobacco use” in Table 3.

Comment 3: Line 56: “women seems to follow the same pattern as that among males”. When discussing gender the term women and men should be used. When discussing sex, the term female and male should be used. The same issue occurs on line 57: “Whenever the characteristics of female smoking becomes equivalent to those of men”. This manuscript discusses gender and sex; the sentence on line 56 and 57 intermixes these terms and should be aligned correctly.

Reply 3: We thank the Reviewer for this recommendation. We have consequently modified the text. Moreover, we aligned the terms at lines 63-64 (ex 56-57).

Changes in the text: We replaced the correct terms throughout the text.

Comment 4: Review grammar and sentence structure – this might be due to difference in common grammar techniques from different countries but should be reviewed throughout the manuscript.

Reply 4: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We have again proofread the text carefully, correcting some minor grammatical errors and modifying some unclear sentences.

Comment 5: Line 137: “In US, a projection...”. Add the word the: “In the US...”

Reply 5: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We corrected the sentence.

Changes in the text: “In the US, a projection...” (see page 6, line 153).

Comment 6: Line 214: “Non-smoker women have....”Consider changing to “Women who have never smoked....”

Reply 6: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We corrected the sentence.

Changes in the text: “Women who don’t smoke...” (see page 11 , line 268).

Comment 7: Line 378: “Men with children also reported grater”. Change “grater” to “greater”.

Reply 7: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We corrected the sentence.

Changes in the text: “Men with children also reported greater ...” (see page 18, line 442).

Comment 8: Line 345: “A recent paper reported that ? do not stopping smoking after the diagnosis of cancer is correlated with poor prognosis....” This sentence needs to be addressed for clarity.

Reply 8: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We corrected the sentence.

Changes in the text: “... patients with cancer and an active tobacco use who do not quit smoking have a poor prognosis, a worse quality of life, a higher risk of new primary cancer and an increased treatment-related toxicity.” (see page 16, lines 406-408).

Comment 9: Line 354: “been found that quitting smoke during the screening program...”. Quitting smoking?

Reply 9: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We corrected the sentence. Changes in the text: quitting smoking” (see page 17, line 417).

Comment 10: Line 378: “Men with children also reported grater...” Change “grater” to “greater”.

Reply 10: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. We corrected the sentence. Changes in the text: “Men with children also reported greater ...” (see page 18, line 442).

Comment 11: Figure 1. Legend states “Figure n 1”. Not sure what “ n 1” means. It is difficult to read the text within the figure; high resolution is suggested prior to publication.

Reply 11: We thank the Reviewer for this comment. There was an error in the figure legend; we corrected it. Moreover, we will check together with the Editor the good resolution of the figure prior to publication.

Changes in the text: “Figure 1” (see page 23, line 584).