Reviewer's report

Title: Tobacco smoking as a prospective risk factor for depression and poorer quality of life in heart disease

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In the revised version of the manuscript entitled “Tobacco smoking as a prospective risk factor for depression and poorer quality of life in heart disease”, the authors have satisfactorily responded to the suggestions of this reviewer. Most importantly, it is acknowledged that the depression status of patients prior to and at the time of the index event is unknown, and it is possible that subsequent tobacco use was a result of, rather than the cause of, depression. The participants are described in greater detail – data regarding presenting condition, medications, and enrollment in cardiac rehabilitation is now presented.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.