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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The authors responded well. One aspect that remains is the interpretation of the associations that were found. I would not refer to these associations as "prospective risk factor" (in title) but rather as "...predicts" to be on the safe side. I would recommend to go through the manuscript and make more accurate descriptions of the observed prospective associations. "Prospective association", "predicts", "predicts independently of ..." are more appropriate terms using this design. Risk factor is suggesting causality.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests