Reviewer's report

Title: Does smoking status affect the likelihood of consulting a doctor about respiratory symptoms? A pilot survey in Western Australia.

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Clearly the authors could not address fundamental issues such as the lack of the theoretical basis for the study. Their reference to the TPB, as suggested by me, is helpful but should be condensed to a brief reference as it is clear that they do not have an understanding of this theory.

Increased emphasis on the key message - the need for more education on symptoms for "significant others" could be useful.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 I have no competing interests