Reviewer’s report

Title: Active and passive maternal smoking during pregnancy and birth outcomes: the Kyushu Okinawa Maternal and Child Health Study

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1. Page 5 line 20 should read “In total,”
2. Please discuss the potential confounding of the data by self-reported smoking status. While the accuracy of smoking throughout pregnancy is likely very good, the other groups may have reporting biases.
3. Please discuss the potential overlap between the smokers and the ETS exposure groups. Is it possible to rank women by the amount they smoke and reported ETS exposure to get the highest and lower exposures?
4. With the subdivisions of smokers examined, does the study have adequate power to detect differences in the groups with small numbers?