Reviewer's report

Title: Measuring the Costs of Outreach Motivational Interviewing for Smoking-Cessation and Relapse-Prevention Among Low-Income Pregnant Women

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The authors have made substantial revisions that are generally responsive to the initial review. Attention to several further observations may improve the focus and value of the paper.

1. There is substantial redundancy between introduction and methods concerning description of the RTC and the intervention.

2. Description of potential future savings is important in the introduction to round out the broader picture of analyzing costs incurred and potentially averted (paragraph on p 8). The details about cost savings associated with smoking cessation in the methods section (p 17) seems misplaced however. A briefer version of the latter might be better placed in the relevant part of the introduction.

3. The new Figure 1 could be helpful but as it stands needs to be either revised or eliminated. The overall picture of a ratio seems lost in the flurry of arrows. Part of the picture off the page because the total figure does not fit on an upright (portrait orientation) page. Check spelling of "denominator".

4. Run-on sentences in the added material of the introduction should be re-written.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.