Reviewer's report

Title: Current smoking behaviour among rural South African children: Ellisras Longitudinal Study

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Reviewer: Rob Mcgee

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I have carefully read both my original comments and the other reviewer's comments on the first version of the manuscript. On the whole, the authors have addressed most of the points quite well in the revision. They have provided a clear definition of smoking. The presentation of results has been improved by grouping the ages together. Associations between background factors and smoking have been included and the authors have made better use of the data in their analysis.

English expression is still an issue and the paper needs editing. Layout of the Tables needs to be improved.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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