Reviewer's report

Title: The influence of parental smoking and family type on saliva cotinine in UK ethnic minority children: a cross sectional study.

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Reviewer: Giuseppe Gorini

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Minor essential revisions
1. Please, remove the "UK" in "White UK", or "British" in "White British", because even the other ethnic groups are presumably of British/UK nationality, and European people (e.g., men and women from Poland and other immigrants from EU countries) belong to the White category. You already removed "UK" in "White UK" in the abstract: so, it’s better to uniform the article to the abstract.

2. As you wrote in the abstract, you have to add to the "model building" section in Materials & Methods that you used linear regression models with a random intercept function.

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 that I have no competing interests