Reviewer's report

Title: Consumption of single cigarettes and quitting behavior: A longitudinal analysis of Mexican smokers

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Minor Essential Revisions

The results now show that “The odds of being quit was only statistically significant when comparing those who had not bought singles to reduce consumption with those who had done so on a more irregular basis (AOR=2.30; 95% CI 1.19, 4.45),….”

How many respondents are in this category? My rough calculation is that about 13 – 14 smokers. It is reasonable to base your conclusion using data from such a small sample?

In an attempt to revise the paper, the authors inserted some cumbersome sentences such as:

“Furthermore, non-statistically significant results around the interactions between consumption intensity and singles consumption suggested that these relationships are not clarified when examining singles consumption only among people with lower levels of consumption intensity.”

The paper would benefit from expressing some of these constructs in shorter, but clear sentences.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.