Reviewer's report

Title: Is there an impact of public smoking bans on self-reported smoking status and exposure to secondhand smoke? Do smoking bans decrease exposure?

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Introduction, last sentence: "... of complete workplace smoking." The sentence is incomplete: restriction (?)

Discretionary Revisions
2. Methods, second page, "The survey is based on a sample of 65,000 respondents":
What is the response rate of 2.1 and 3.1 surveys?

3. Methods, second page: "Respondents were asked the following question:..."
This paragraph can be reported in a separate box, instead of in the main text of the paper.

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