Reviewer's report

Title: A comparison of patient recall of smoking cessation advice with advice recorded in electronic medical records

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Reviewer: Fong-ching Chang

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“It is problematic that the Patient Survey did not collect the information of patients’ smoking status. The results were not adjusted by smoking status. Since smokers tend to have lower response rate, this might underestimate the prevalence of recall of cessation advice.”

Please describe this more clearly in the limitation or the discussion section.

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

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’