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Title: The role of gender in a smoking cessation intervention: a cluster randomized clinical trial

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached our manuscript entitled "The role of gender in a smoking cessation intervention: a cluster randomized clinical trial" which has been accepted for publication in BMC Public Health.

The present work is a part of the ISTAPS study, a study that evaluates the effectiveness of a stepped smoking cessation intervention based on a transtheoretical model of change, applied to an extensive group of Primary Care Centers (PCC) (Cabezas C et al. BMC Public Health 2009;9:48).

The results of this work will contribute to the improvement of an important issue in Public Health because it explores gender as a predictor of smoking cessation.

On behalf of the co-authors I affirm that neither the manuscript, nor any part of it, has been published or is currently under consideration for publication by any other journal. All authors have read and approved the current manuscript.

Below we have responded to the changes proposed by the editor, and we have included the new version of the article in the online application system.

Yours sincerely,

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