Reviewer's report


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Reviewer: Micaela Coady

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Thank you for your careful review and consideration of my earlier comments and suggestions. I think that the paper is well-written, concise and will be a strong contribution to the tobacco control literature. I have only a few minor essential revisions to suggest.

• Minor Essential Revisions

1. Abstract: include the 1998-99 TUS-CPS under ‘methods’ as this survey is included in analysis
2. Background (1st paragraph): suggest citing the 20% adult current smoking prevalence and total population size of smokers
3. Background (1st paragraph): second sentence missing ‘of’
4. Background (1st paragraph): in last sentence, suggest adding ‘In recent years’, or ‘In the past XX years’ progress in the reduction of smoking…

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'