Reviewer's report

Title: Smoking behavior, attitudes, and cessation counseling among healthcare professionals in Armenia.

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Reviewer: Kirsten Doherty

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Today's paper by Giovino et al in The Lancet (18 August 2012) which analysed data from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey and found high rates of smoking in men, early initiation of smoking in women, and low quit ratios, shows the importance of continuing to tackle this problem. The work by Movsisyan et al is of relevance to those working in hospitals worldwide.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. More precision in terminology is required where values are of borderline significance.
2. Background, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence: reverse order of percentages.
3. Methods, Study population: clarify role of lab clinicians versus nurses.
4. Methods, Study population, 2nd sentence: change ‘was’ to ‘were’.
5. Methods, Survey, Survey participants: describe how sample size was determined.
6. Methods, Focus group discussions, FGDs data collection and analysis, 6th sentence: incomplete sentence – was full stop inserted instead of comma?
7. Results, Survey results, Attitudes toward smoke-free hospital policies, 2nd paragraph: refer to Table 4.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Discussion, Study limitations and strengths, 3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence: address difference between quantitative and qualitative outcomes on this issue.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.