Reviewer's report

Title: Second hand smoke exposure and the risk of invasive meningococcal disease in children: systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Alistair Woodward

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After reading the first version of the paper, I recommended that some ambiguous terms be changed, that more information was provided about some of the key findings, that the data search and extraction process required better explanation, and that more should be made of some findings that were perhaps under-played (eg the dose response pattern). I also had some suggestions and queries that were very minor.

The authors have responded satisfactorily, in my view. I think the paper is improved, and I don’t think further changes are required.

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 I have no competing interests.