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As suggested by the reviewer D.T. Levy, we revised the manuscript we revised the paper for English corrections, and we clarified in the “limitations and strengths” section the relation between Italian and Netherlands data:

In modelling relapse rates and relative risks of former smokers through the two negative-exponential curves, we used the parameters estimated from cross-sectional surveys conducted in the Netherlands since figures from Italy were not available. While relative risks for former smokers may be assumed to have similar patterns for the Netherlands and Italy, it is instead uncertain whether or not relapse in Italy follows the same pattern observed in the Netherlands.