Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revision

1) Table 5 showes that some of ORs are not statistically significant according to "95% CI". For example, with regard to "smoking cigarettes at least weekly", ORs in the pacific and Asian sample are not significant. To my understanding, it suggests ethnic difference in the association between experience of ethnic discrimination and smoking. The association is stronger among Maori and NZ European sample than other ethnic groups.

I hope more careful interpretation of the findings. There are nine nonsignificant ORs in Table5, if I could understand correctly.

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