**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Effectiveness of a partial smoking ban in a pro-smoking environment: a cross-sectional study in Lisbon taxis

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**Reviewer:** Hanns Moshammer

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From the response of the authors to the reviewers I understand that this is the 2nd version of a paper. I did not review the first version.

This paper reports a well performed cross-sectional study in clear words. The findings are not exceptionally exciting but I agree with the authors that there is still a lack of data on smoking prevalence and compliance with anti-smoking laws especially in settings like the one investigated. Therefore these data are especially worthwhile because of their policy implications.

In the "discussion" the authors rightfully also talk about these policy implications. Although not all their policy-relevant statements are truely based on their data these statements are plausible and coherent and the authors provide sufficient references to back up their messages.

**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