Reviewer’s report

Title: Smoking Cessation and the Risk of Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes Predicted from Established Risk Scores: Results of the Cardiovascular Risk Assessment among Smokers in Primary Care in Europe: (CV-ASPIRE) Study

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The manuscript presents results of an observational study based on primary health care settings. The method they used to demonstrate the contribution of smoking in CVD risk is very simple but might be very influential on smokers. However the authors did not evaluate influence of this CVD risk estimation with and without smoking on patients’ decision on quitting smoking.

Major compulsory revisions:
The paper is well written however the methods section lacks sufficient detail on country selection, GP selection and patient selection.
These specific points need to be explained: What was the study selection criteria and time limits? How was the GP’s selected? How were the patients selected for the study?

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

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