Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The impact of the Cyprus comprehensive smoking ban on air quality and economic business of hospitality venues

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**Reviewer:** Ana Navas-Acien

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The authors do an okay job with addressing the comments from the reviewers although their letter is not very informative and as they do not provide details on the changes made to the manuscript. This included a poor response to the comments raised from the editor. In general, it was difficult for the reviewer to evaluate the changes made to the manuscript.

Since in the post-ban analysis nightclubs are not included, it is important to make sure that the pre-post ban comparison is restricted to venues different from nightclubs. Otherwise nightclubs, because they tend to have higher concentrations they could over estimate the percent change.

This is an important study for Cyprus although the novelty is not clear and I still think the authors could make a better case about the relevance of the study for the broader tobacco control community and for other countries.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No conflict of interest