Reviewer’s report

Title: NHS patients, staff, and visitor viewpoints of smoking within a hospitals' ground: a qualitative analysis

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Reviewer: Adelais Markaki

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Reviewer’s report: Thank you for addressing all areas of concern. Revised manuscript is significantly improved and can be accepted after making the following minor corrections:

1) I suggest amending last sentence of Introduction as follows:
   ?This study, as part of a larger survey (action research study??), aims to explore hospital user perceptions and viewpoints of smoking in and around a UK NHS hospital.?

2) Rephrase or shorten the sentence in Conclusions ?Hospital users in this study show how methods of managing this include a smoking shelter or that smoking should ultimately be prohibited and the hospital should enforce a ban on smoking throughout the hospital grounds.?

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What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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