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Dear editor,

Enclosed please find the revised manuscript of our paper entitled “Perceived pros and cons of smoking and quitting in hard-core smokers: a focus group study” for possible publication in BMC Public Health. Thank you for your suggestions. After our initial submission you proposed three points for revision.

Title page. The original title page did not contain the email addresses of all authors. We added them to this revised version.

Competing interests. None of the authors have any competing interests to declare. We included a competing interest section after the abbreviations.

Informed consent. We obtained informed consent of all participants at the start of the study. We did not mention this in the original paper. In this revised version we included a statement about informed consent under ‘procedure’.

We hope we addressed the issues adequately and to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely (on behalf of all authors),

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