Reviewer's report

Title: A pragmatic, randomized, controlled study evaluating the impact of Access to Smoking Cessation Pharmacotherapy Coverage on the Proportion of Successful Quitters in a Canadian Population of Smokers Motivated to Quit (ACCESSATION)

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Minor essential revisions:
1. First paragraph, page 7: A clearer explanation of the explanation of the collection of cotinine measures, and whether patients knew that physicians were blinded to the results are needed.

2. Second paragraph, page 8: The authors mention looking at an interaction term in their nonlinear model (i.e. logistic regression). There is a well recognized concern with the statistical properties of interaction terms in nonlinear models. Did the authors take this into account and assess whether it was a concern in their case? (See Ai and Norton's work)

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 I have no competing interests.