Reviewer’s report

Title: Lower health literacy predicts smoking relapse among racially/ethnically diverse smokers with low socioeconomic status

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Major compulsory revisions
- Please provide a table showing the results of the regression analysis.
- The results of the analyses do not provide strong enough support for the conclusions drawn, because of
  1) The very limited range of REALM scores, both the high and 'low' HL groups would be in the highest category of the REALM levels, therefore referring to this group as 'low HL' and drawing conclusions about the difference between high HL and low HL is not warranted by analyses with this limited population.
  2) the confidence interval around the estimated OR is very wide and only just statistically significant. This should at the very least be included as a limitation.

In general the conclusions of the paper should be reformulated in a more cautious way that clearly expresses these severe limitations.

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