Reviewer’s report

Title: The influence of in-pregnancy smoking cessation programs on partner quitting and women’s social support mobilization. A randomized controlled trial.

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Reviewer: Tim Lancaster

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General
This paper reports two secondary outcomes from a randomised trial of smoking cessation interventions in pregnant women. The effect on the primary outcome of smoking cessation has been reported previously and this paper considers the effects on partner’s smoking habits and participants perceptions of social support.

The study was conducted to high methodological standards and the analysis and reporting of the results is clear and accurate. The paper therefore meets BMC methodological criteria for publication.

My only concern is whether this paper complies with BMC’s policy on duplicate publication. I would normally have expected these two secondary outcomes to be reported along with the primary outcomes in the main trial report. I am happy to support publication if the authors can justify why this was not considered appropriate.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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I declare that I have no competing interests