Reviewer's report

Title: Gender differentials in the evolution of cigarette smoking habits in a general European adult population from 1993-2003

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Reviewer: Paul Hewson

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General

Some of the points raised in earlier reviews have been addressed

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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)

I still feel that the linear trends with age are inappropriate and make the paper look unprofessional. It is very clear that at least one of the subgroups has a very strong, non-linear pattern.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests