Reviewer's report

Title: Relation between awareness of circulatory disorders and smoking in a general population
health examination

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Reviewer: Aulikki Nissinen

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General: The study examines smoking prevalence among persons aware of their cardiovascular
diseases. Results from the population based cross-sectional survey show high prevalence among
those with one disease and decreased prevalence with increased number of diseases. The results
are as expected. The finding is, however interesting, because it is derived from the population survey.
The results indicate poor patient counselling in health care, which conclusion warrants both scientific
and public health attention.

The material and methods are properly described as well as the major results. Discussion reflects
well the strengths and weaknesses of the work and conclusions are justified.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can
be reached): I have some following (minor) topics, which should be corrected:
-Background; para 2: Ref no.2; age group is 24- 64. Also the year( 1997?), from what the
recalculations are made should be mentioned.
- Methods; did you ask also the time, when the diagnosis was given and when smoking started?
Compare the results first and second para.

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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): Discussion:
-First para; first sentence; could you say that more clearly?

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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 importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interest